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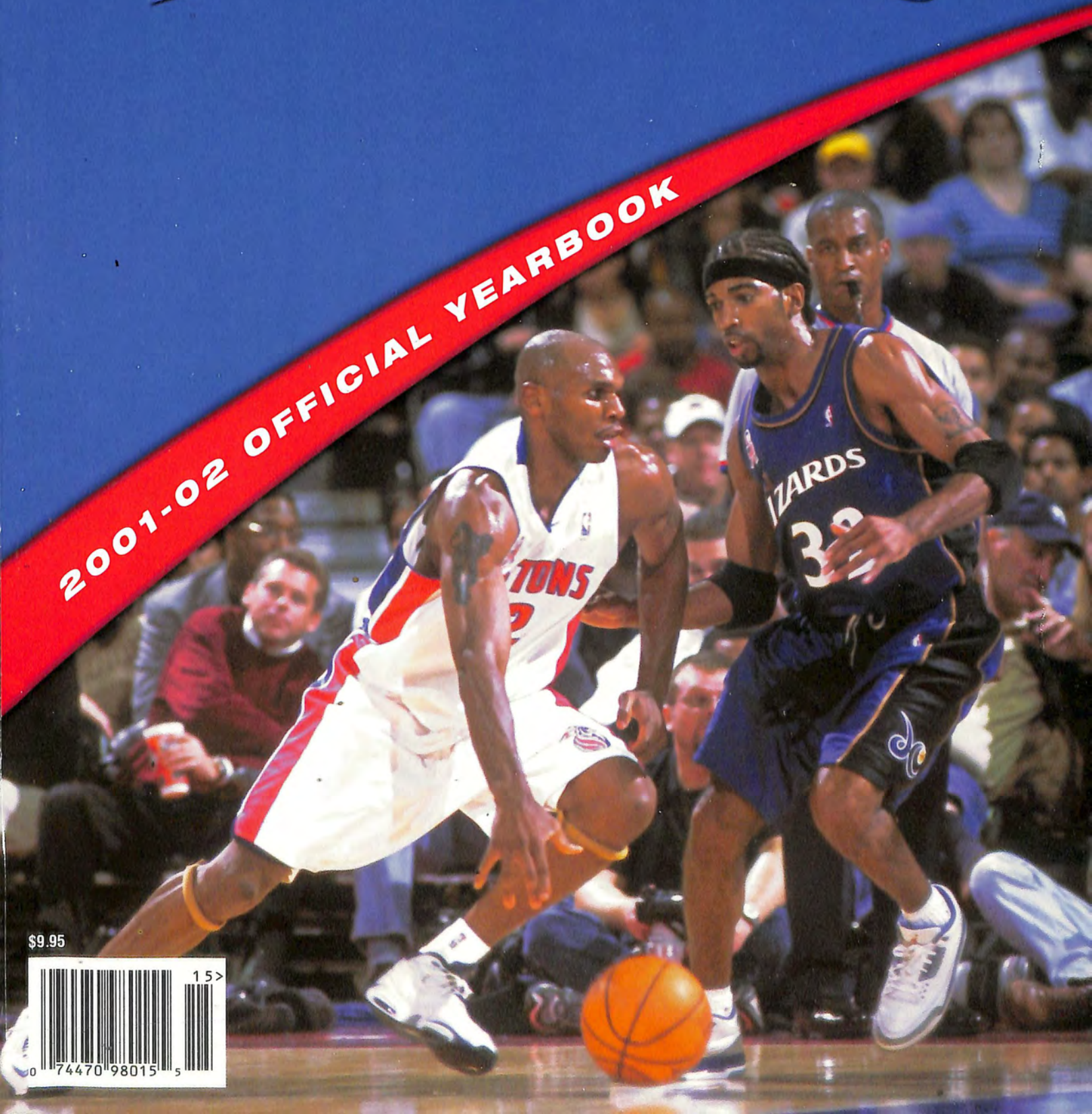

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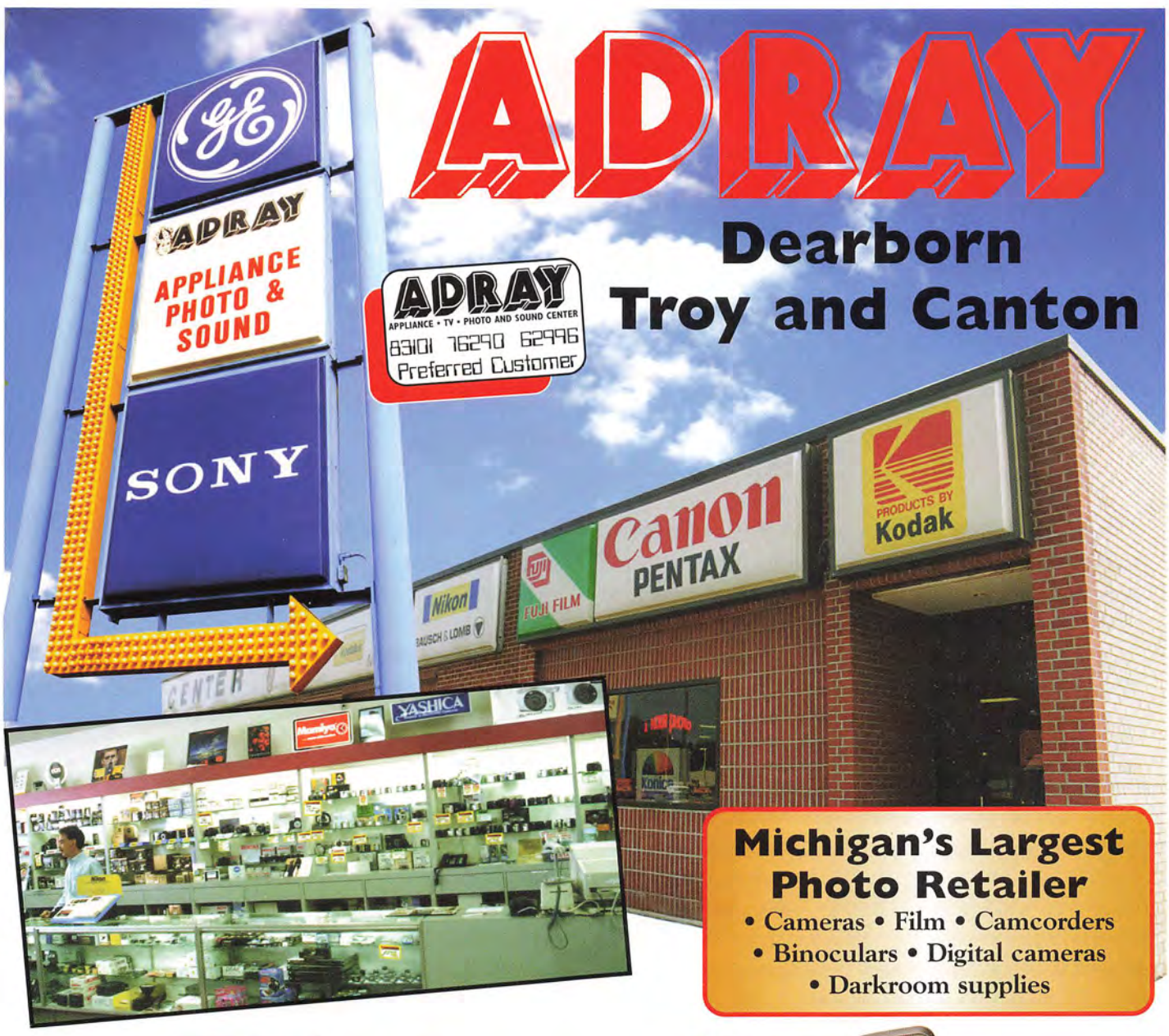

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MANAGEMENT

WILLIAM DAVIDSON
Managing partner

Recognized as one of the most successful owners in the National Basketball Association, Detroit Pistons Managing Partner William Davidson can be credited for a majority of the success the organization now enjoys. Detroit's 1989 and 1990 World Championships can be directly attributed to Davidson, the club's majority owner since 1974, and under his direction, the Pistons have been considered one of the league's elite franchises for more than a decade.

He continues to keep the team at the league's forefront with such amenities as a state-of-the-art practice facility, solely designed for the Pistons. Team members are able to use the facilities all summer long while working on personal off-season conditioning goals. It will also be used for the team's training camp for the seventh straight year, alleviating the need to go off-site for the preseason. Davidson's world champion Pistons were the first professional sports team to own its own plane, Roundball One. Roundball Two, a newer, larger, multimillion-dollar aircraft was purchased and refurbished in the summer of 1998 for the organization. Its 42 luxury seats and state-of-the-art video system allows the Pistons to fly in true, first-class comfort.

The Pistons and Davidson's Palace Sports & Entertainment organization are moving into the future with innovative ideas and a plan for growth. The additions of the Detroit Shock of the WNBA to Palace Sports & Entertainment and the Detroit Fury of the Arena Football League represent his commitment toward the sports fan in Detroit. Both teams compete in competitive leagues that are among the hottest and fastest-rising in America. The Fury earned themselves a playoff berth this past summer during the club's inaugural season.

Davidson became one of just a few multi-sport, major players in 1999, when he, along with Palace Sports & Entertainment partners, the late David Hermelin and the late Robert Sosnick, purchased the Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League. Davidson intends to duplicate the success of the Pistons and their home, The Palace of Auburn Hills, in Tampa, where the Lightning play in the Ice Palace, one of the United States' finest new venues.

The Shock joined the Washington Mystics as the first two expansion teams in the WNBA in 1998 and the team was an immediate success in the upstart league, finishing with a 17-13 record in the Eastern Conference in their inaugural season. The Shock also made the WNBA playoffs in only their second season.

With the busiest amphitheater in the country, DTE Energy Music Theatre, purchased in 1990, Palace Sports & Entertainment now has the ability to bring the best in summer entertainment to its clientele. In 1988-89, the Pistons began play in The Palace, a state-of-the-art arena built with Davidson's financial support: a facility, which when combined with the Pistons, forms the foundation of his entertainment business. The company also added management of the Meadow Brook Music Festival in the summer of 1994, further developing the entertainment division of Palace Sports & Entertainment.

The Pistons have played in the postseason in 12 of the past 17 years, including four of the past six seasons. Davidson acquired the Detroit Pistons in 1974 from the late Fred Zollner, the man who founded the team in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the 1940s. Zollner later moved the franchise to Detroit before the 1957-58 season.

Interested in a wide variety of sports, Davidson is one of the most knowledgeable heads of an NBA franchise. He can usually be found sitting courtside at all Pistons home games, and has studied many players and coaches in the league and is able to make some very astute observations.

Davidson's athletic history dates back many years and has continued alongside his business career. He was a high school and college trackman and played football in the Navy during World War II. Davidson was an inaugural inductee into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Educated in Business Law, Davidson received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan and earned a Juris Doctor's Degree from Wayne State University.

After three years, Davidson gave up his law practice to take over a wholesale drug company. He rescued it from bankruptcy and turned

it around in three years. After this success, he did the same with a surgical supply company. The next step was to take the Guardian Glass Company, the family business, pay off all debts and head it into the profitable direction the company now enjoys. Today, Guardian Industries remains the flagship of his corporate interests. Its world headquarters are located on the same property as The Palace and the Pistons practice facility in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Davidson's previous track record has paved the way for the Pistons, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre. His formula for success, which turned the Pistons around and made The Palace one of the top arenas in the world, carries over into the DTE Energy Music Theatre, now considered one of the top amphitheaters in the country.

Davidson's management talents are continually on display in NBA circles, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Governors and has been active on several committees, including the one which selected former NBA Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien in 1975.

Davidson's involvement in the Detroit community is well documented. In 1997 he was honored for his lifelong philanthropic efforts, locally, nationally and internationally, by the Council of Michigan Foundations. The same year, he was listed in a New York Times article as one of America's most generous donors. Davidson was also one of the "founding fathers" who originated the Pistons/Palace Foundation, a charitable vehicle that has donated more than $8 million dollars in cash and merchandise since 1989. In January 1995 the foundation worked in conjunction with the City of Detroit's Parks and Recreation Department to establish the Partnership to Adopt and Renovate Parks for Kids (PARK) Program. The program provides for restoration of Detroit parks, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, running tracks and playground equipment.

In 1992, he donated $30 million to his alma mater, the University of Michigan's School of Business Administration. The grant to establish the William Davidson Institute will provide assistance in a special program to help develop market economies throughout the world. He has also endorsed the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, and the American Technion Society to establish the world's first educational institution entirely dedicated to the international management of technology-based companies at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

The Detroit Pistons ownership group includes Legal Counsel Oscar Feldman, and Advisory Board Members Warren Coville, Milt Dresner, Bud Gerson, Dorothy Gerson, Miriam Mondry, Eugene Mondry, Ann Newman, Herb Tyner and William Wetsman.

Davidson and his wife, Karen, currently reside in Bloomfield Hills. He has two grown children, Ethan and Marla.

MANAGEMENT

TOM WILSON
President

Entering his 10th season as President of the Detroit Pistons and Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc., Tom Wilson ensures stability within the organization as it continues along its progressive pace. During Wilson's 23-year tenure as the team's top business executive, the Pistons have evolved into one of the best-marketed and most highly-valued teams in professional sports. Elevating Wilson to the presidency in 1992, Managing Partner William Davidson stressed the importance of building a structure within the organization that will have a long-term effect.

Since joining the Pistons in 1978, Wilson's role and responsibilities have increased dramatically. Wilson has handled all business aspects of not only the Detroit Pistons, but also of Palace Sports & Entertainment, which includes The Palace of Auburn Hills, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Detroit Shock and Detroit Fury. He was named Employee of the Year for 1990 by Guardian Industries, the Pistons' and The Palace's parent company. The award marked the first time Guardian Industries gave the honor to an employee outside of its direct glass manufacturing and fabrication divisions.

The Palace was designed largely around Wilson's input and he was responsible for staffing and developing organizational philosophies of the arena. Wilson's ability to create a family atmosphere among his staff and guests have produced entertainment at its best. The latest addition to that ongoing philosophy, The Palace Atrium, opened in September of 1996, offering fans additional entertainment opportunities before and after every Palace event.

Under his direction, The Palace has earned the distinction of becoming the first arena to win Performance magazine's prestigious Best New Venue award (1988) and the magazine has also awarded The Palace its prestigious Arena of the Year accolade eight times, most recently in 1997. The Palace was named Arena of the Year in 1992 by Pollstar after receiving that publication's Best New Concert Venue honors for 1988. Wilson's direction was instrumental in the acquisition and renovation of DTE Energy Music Theatre as well, and he remains actively involved in the operational phase and the ongoing improvement of the facility.

DTE Energy Music Theatre has been named the nation's busiest, top-grossing or highest attended outdoor venue by Amusement Business in each of its 10 summers under Wilson's guidance. It has also been nominated Amphitheatre of the Year in each of the 10 years of Palace Sports & Entertainment ownership. In 1994 Palace Sports & Entertainment assumed management of Meadow Brook Music Festival on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

As executive administrator of Palace Sports & Entertainment, Wilson is ultimately responsible for the day-to-day operations of its sales, advertising, marketing and broadcasting departments. Wilson directed the company's purchase of the National Hockey League's Tampa Bay Lightning along with the leasehold rights to its arena, the Ice Palace. He now serves as Chief Executive Officer and Governor of the hockey team in addition to his role with the Pistons.

Under Wilson's guidance, the Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association was added to Palace Sports & Entertainment in the summer of 1998 and the Detroit Fury of the Arena Football League was added in the summer of 2000. The Shock made the WNBA playoffs in 1999, just their second season in operation. The Fury earned a playoff berth this summer during its inaugural season.

A native Detroiter, Wilson joined the Pistons in 1978 as Sales Director and was promoted to Chief Executive Officer shortly thereafter. He graduated from Cass Technical High School and received a bachelor's of business administration from Wayne State University. Upon graduation, Wilson worked for the Los Angeles Lakers, the Los Angeles Kings, and the Forum.

Wilson serves on the William Beaumont Hospital Board of Trustees and was named the 1994 Executive of the Year by the Oakland Executives Association. He is also active in the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the Board of Directors for Boy's Hope, CATCH and the Advisory Board of Michigan. Wilson was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the Pistons/Palace Foundation which has provided more than $8 million in grants and donations to deserving organizations and individuals throughout the state.

Wilson and his wife, Linda, reside in Rochester Hills with daughters Kasey and Brooke and son Kevin.

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BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

JOE DUMARS
President of Basketball Operations

When owner William Davidson named Joe Dumars as President of Basketball Operations on June 6, 2000, a significant step was made in the rebuilding process of the Pistons basketball club. Last season, his shrewd moves enabled the Pistons to become significant players in the free agent market by freeing up nearly $16 million in salary cap space. With a salary cap structure that is conducive to attracting free agents and revamping the roster, the next step was to hire a floor general that could not only control the game with X's and O's, but also connect with the younger players in today's game. Dumars responded by hiring Rick Carlisle, who is known around league circles as one of the top young offensive minds in the game, as the 23rd coach in franchise history. These moves paved the way for Detroit's return to respectability and closer to Dumars' ultimate goal: acquire a team that is tough, talented and competes at a high level of ability every night.

Known as one of the great competitors in the NBA throughout his 14-year playing career, "Joe D" – as he is commonly referred to around the Detroit area – enters his second full season as President of Basketball Operations in 2001-02 and his 17th overall in the NBA. The 38-year-old Shreveport, Louisiana native was promoted to his current position after serving as the club's vice president of player personnel during the 1999-00 season.

His player personnel moves during the summer of 2001 have been well documented. The Pistons selected highly-touted forward Rodney White with the ninth pick in the 2001 NBA Draft, acquired Clifford Robinson from Phoenix in exchange for Jud Buechler and John Wallace and signed two up-and-coming European centers in Zeljko Rebraca and Ratko Varda. Rebraca has been labeled by many basketball executives as the best player in Europe over the last two seasons.

Dumars' Detroit beginning coincided with one of the most successful eras in Pistons basketball history. Following a 46-36 rookie campaign in 1985-86, Dumars' teams won 50-plus games each of the next five seasons and two NBA Championships (1989, 1990). He won the first of many NBA honors following the team's 63-19 record in 1988-89, being named to the NBA's All-Defensive First Team and being named the Most Valuable Player of the 1989 NBA Finals. The six time NBA All-Star was named first team NBA All-Rookie in 1985-86 and first team NBA All-Defense four times (1988-89, 1989-90, 1991-92 and 1992-93). Dumars was named All-NBA Third Team for 1989-90 and 1990-91 and All-NBA Second Team in 1992-93 when he averaged a career-best 23.5 points per game.

Dumars retired from the game as a player following the 1998-99 NBA season and moved to the front office with a goal of helping return the team to the place that he and his "Bad Boys" teammates knew so well; the NBA Finals. He played in The NBA Finals three times, winning championship rings in 1989 and 1990. His basketball acumen and insights into the game and its players will undoubtedly be beneficial to the organization as it continues to pursue its goals. Dumars, who became the seventh Pistons player to have his jersey number retired, also had the NBA Sportsmanship Award named after him on the same evening. The NBA Sportsmanship Award winner, which recognizes the NBA player who best represents the ideals of sportsmanship on the court, is presented with the Joe Dumars Trophy each year. Dumars was named the inaugural recipient of the NBA Sportsmanship Award in November 1996.

Drafted out of McNeese State with the 18th selection in the first round of the 1985 NBA Draft, Dumars went on to play 1,018 regular season games for Detroit in 14 seasons, making him the most tenured player in franchise history. He retired as the team's all-time leading three-point shooter with 990 made and its second all-time leading scorer with 16,401 points. The 6-foot-3 shooting guard also ranks second on Detroit's all-time list for assists (4,612), second in steals (902), third in field goals made (5,994), third in field goals attempted (13,026), third in free throws made (3,423) and third in free throws attempted (4,059).

In addition to his role with the Pistons, Dumars is majority owner and CEO of Detroit Technologies, Inc., an emerging automotive parts supplier in the Detroit metro area. He also maintains a partnership in the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, an indoor multi-sports and entertainment complex in Shelby Township, Michigan. Dumars was appointed to the executive committee of the United States Tennis Association in January 1999, and he conducts the Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions, a tennis tournament he has used to raise more than $900,000 since 1993 for children's charities, primarily Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Born on May 24, 1963, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Joe and his wife, Debbie, reside in Detroit with their two children, Jordan (10) and Aren (8).

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BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

WILL ROBINSON

Assistant to the President of Basketball Operations

Will Robinson is a man who has dedicated his life to the game of basketball. In 2001-02, his 27th season with the Pistons, Robinson will scout the collegiate and CBA ranks for the Pistons while consulting President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars, Head Coach Rick Carlisle and the rest of the basketball staff on player development matters.

Named head coach at Illinois State University by Athletic Director Milt Weisenbecker in 1970, Robinson became the first black head coach at the major college level. His Illinois State teams produced five winning seasons, but it was for his breaking the coaching color barrier and the development of All-American Doug Collins that he will be remembered. Collins averaged more than 29 points per game during his career under Robinson, becoming the school's first consensus All-American basketball player and the NBA's number one draft choice in 1973. The former coach was reunited with his star pupil for three seasons, beginning in 1995, when Collins was hired to be the Pistons head coach.

During the summer of 1992 Robinson was honored by The James Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, receiving the prestigious John W. Bunn Award. The Bunn Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the game of basketball. Past recipients have included John Wooden, Henry Iba, Red Auerbach and Bob Cousy. Outside of actual enshrinement, the Bunn Award is the most prestigious award given by the Hall of Fame.

Receiving his second NBA Championship ring in 1990, Robinson truly reached the pinnacle of the sport that has been his life for more than 50 years. Through Robinson's efforts, along with former scout Stan Novak, the Detroit Pistons built a team that became the third team in history to repeat as World Champions. He is responsible for finding the likes of Dennis Rodman, Joe Dumars and John Salley and making them part of the Pistons family. He was former General Manager Jack McCloskey's right hand man during the building years and he continues to provide Detroit's management team with experienced assessments.

In the spring of 1982, Robinson was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, marking the supreme honor in the state where he enjoyed more than 45 years of coaching success. The list of Michigan athletes that have played for Robinson reads like a Who's Who in sports, as his teams were usually tagged with the title "Champion."

Robinson enjoyed success at Detroit's Miller High School where his 1947 team won the city championship over St. Joseph's High School. The game drew 16,249 to Olympia Stadium, a state of Michigan attendance mark until the Pistons moved to the Pontiac Silverdome in 1978.

Moving to Pershing High School, Robinson brought successful basketball with him, as his teams racked up several state and city championships and won at an 85 percent clip.

One of the strongest high school teams ever assembled played for Robinson during the 1967 season. His starting five all later played in professional sports. Spencer Haywood and Ralph Simpson (both NBA and ABA), Glen Doughty and Paul Seals (pro football), and Marvin Lane (major league baseball) won the state championship for Pershing and Robinson that year.

There have been other standouts in Robinson's portfolio including another Illinois State great in Bubbles Hawkins, along with Wayne State all-time great Charlie Primas, Baltimore Colt All-Pro Big Daddy Lipscomb, Wayne State University Vice-President Noah Brown and Olympians Lorenzo Wright and Charlie Fonville.

However, the athletic field was not the only place that Robinson's influence touched. He is just as proud of the good people he produced such as Ofield Dukes, a political advisor, the 25 Detroit police officers who played for him and the college grads with PhD's attached to their names. Many of the sons of players that Robinson coached are now making headlines themselves. Robinson is truly a legend in the Detroit area.

Robinson's '82 induction into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame marked the seventh such honor bestowed upon him. The others include: The Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, The West Virginia State Hall of Fame, The Illinois State Hall of Fame, The Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame, The Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Basketball Hall of Fame. He was honored by an eighth hall in the summer of 1995 by the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame with the Alvin N. Foon Award for his great contributions to Michigan sports.

Robinson, who makes his home in Detroit, has one son, William Jr., the Coordinator of Equal Opportunity Programs at Wayne State University. Born on June 3, 1911, Robinson celebrated his 90th birthday during the 2001 offseason.

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BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

JOHN HAMMOND
Director of Player Personnel

John Hammond returns to the Pistons during the 2001-02 season as Director of Player Personnel, his first administrative role with the club. He will be responsible for directing day-to-day operations of the scouting department, handling player personnel issues and assisting in roster development. The 47-year old brings over 22 years of coaching and administrative experience (11 professional/11 collegiate).

Hammond spent five seasons with the Pistons as a scouting director and assistant coach from 1994-1999 under Doug Collins and Alvin Gentry. Collins appointed him as an assistant coach in 1997, a position that he remained in until 1999. When Collins was replaced by Gentry, he named Hammond as his top assistant. Detroit made three playoff appearances during Hammond's tenure as an assistant coach (1996, 1997 and 1999), winning 54 games during the 1996-97 season.

The Zion, Illinois native most recently finished his second tour of duty with the Los Angeles Clippers during the 2000-01 season, again serving as the top assistant to Gentry. Hammond was a large factor in the club's 16-game turnaround, helping to develop first-year players Darius Miles, Keyon Dooling and Quentin Richardson. The Clippers enjoyed a large amount of success with Hammond around as the club made two consecutive playoff appearances (1992 and 1993) when he served as an assistant coach to Larry Brown during his first stint with the organization from 1990-93.

Hammond began his NBA career in 1989 as an assistant coach and scout with the expansion Minnesota Timberwolves, helping put together their roster during the team's inaugural season.

Prior to entering the NBA ranks, Hammond spent six seasons at Southwest Missouri State where he helped lead the school to three consecutive NCAA Tournament berths (1986, 1987 and 1988) and an NIT invitation in 1985. He also spent two seasons at Houston Baptist (1981-83), two seasons at Nebraska (1979-81) and three seasons at the high school level in the state of Nebraska.

Hammond attended Greenville College in Illinois where he earned his Bachelor's degree while lettering twice in basketball and serving as a student assistant coach. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Physical Education from Nebraska.

When away from the basketball court, Hammond enjoys spending time with his wife, Marsha, and their daughter, Lauryn Shay (10).

GEORGE DAVID
Assistant Director of Player Personnel

George David was promoted to his current position as the club's Assistant Director of Player Personnel in August of 2000. Working closely with President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars and Director of Player Personnel John Hammond, David's responsibilities include salary cap and collegiate scouting assistance, coordination of free agent visits as well as various administrative duties during player transactions and the draft preparation.

Hired as video coordinator by former head coach Doug Collins during the 1996-97 season, the Detroit native begins his sixth season with the team. Among his accomplishments, David coordinated the Bob Knight Basketball Camp and Bob Knight Coaching Clinic in Bloomington, IN, from 1992 through 1996 while serving as a student assistant for the Indiana basketball team. David served as a supervisor at the Nike All-American Camp in Indianapolis, IN, from 1994-95.

David graduated from Indiana in 1996 with a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice. A die-hard fan of each local Detroit sports team, David grew up locally in Farmington, MI and currently resides in Auburn Hills.

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HEAD COACH

RICK CARLISLE
Head Coach

After 16 years in the NBA as a player and assistant coach, Rick Carlisle begins his first season as head coach of the Detroit Pistons in 2001-02, looking to enhance a coaching resume that has seen his teams reach the playoffs in each of the last nine seasons. The 41-year-old Carlisle – who was named head coach on May 25, 2001 – becomes the 23rd coach in Pistons franchise history.

An assistant coach in the NBA for 11 seasons, Carlisle has enjoyed a significant amount of success on the bench. The teams that he has been associated with (New Jersey, Portland and Indiana) have amassed a 455-415 (.523) record since 1989. Included were two trips to the playoffs with New Jersey (1992-93 and 1993-94) and three trips to the playoffs with Portland (1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97). All three of the Indiana teams he was associated with made trips to the playoffs, with the 1998-99 squad reaching the Eastern Conference Finals and the 1999-00 team reaching the NBA Finals. The 2000-01 season will mark Carlisle's first season as an NBA head coach.

Studying under long-time NBA coaches Bill Fitch and Chuck Daly in New Jersey, P.J. Carlesimo in Portland and former teammate Larry Bird in Indiana, Carlisle has gained a reputation as one of the top young offensive minds in the game. In each of Indiana's last two seasons, which culminated in trips to the Eastern Conference Finals and NBA Finals, respectively, the Carlisle-led offensive scheme ranked sixth in the league in 1998-99 and fourth in the league in 1999-00. Over the last seven seasons, teams that Carlisle has been associated with have ranked no lower than 16th in the league in scoring and have ranked in the top-10 during four of those seven seasons. Carlisle's teams have won 50-plus games twice (Indiana in 1999-00 and 1997-98), 45-plus games twice (Portland in 1996-97 and New Jersey in 1993-94) and 40-plus games eight times. In 11 years as an assistant in the NBA, his only teams to finish with a sub-.500 record were his first three years with New Jersey (1989-92).

Originally selected by the Boston Celtics in the third round of the 1984 NBA Draft (70th overall), Carlisle enjoyed a solid three-year run as a role-player with the Celtics from 1984 through 1987. He reached the NBA Finals in each of his three seasons with Boston, winning the NBA Championship in 1985-86. Carlisle played the final two seasons of his five-year playing career with New York and New Jersey, finishing his career with averages of 2.2 points and 1.1 assists in 188 games. He enjoyed his best season as a pro during Boston's championship year, when he averaged 2.6 points, 1.4 assists and 1.0 rebounds in 77 games, one as a starter.

A native of Ogdensburg, New York, Carlisle spent two seasons at the University of Maine before transferring to the University of Virginia (1982-84), where he served as co-captain of the Cavaliers' 1984 NCAA Final Four team. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in psychology while at Virginia. Carlisle's interests off the court include golf, music and spending time with his wife, Donna.

ASSISTANT COACHES

TONY BROWN
Assistant Coach

Tony Brown enters his first season as an assistant coach with the Pistons after spending the last four seasons as an assistant coach for the Portland Trail Blazers. A veteran of seven years in the National Basketball Association as a player, he spent three years (1994-97) as an advance scout and college talent evaluator for the Milwaukee Bucks prior to his appointment in Portland.

Brown, 40, saw his last NBA action as a player during the 1991-92 season, splitting time between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Seattle SuperSonics. In all, he wore the uniform of nine different teams during his NBA tenure. Originally drafted by New Jersey in the fourth round of the 1984 NBA Draft out of Arkansas, Brown's best year was 1986-87 when he averaged 11.3 points while starting in 67 of the 77 games he played for the Nets. He missed the entire 1987-88 season after colliding with a referee during an exhibition game which resulted in a tear of his right Achilles tendon.

While playing with the Nets, Pacers, Bulls, Rockets, Bucks, Jazz and Lakers, Brown compiled career statistics of 6.0 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.6 assists in 359 games. He also spent all or parts of four seasons in the Continental Basketball Association, playing for Ohio, Kansas City, Grand Rapids and Albany. In 119 career CBA outings, he averaged 15.3 points. His best CBA year was 1982-83 when he averaged 21.9 points per game (ranked 15th in the league) for the Ohio Mixers and was selected to the CBA All-Defensive Second Team.

Brown is also a veteran of European basketball, spending a two season sojourn (1992-94) with Reggio Emilia in the Italian League.

He makes his offseason home in Chicago with his wife, Exquilynn.

BOB OCIEPKA
Assistant Coach

Bob Ociepka returns to the Detroit Pistons for his second tour of duty, being named an assistant coach to Rick Carlisle's staff in June of 2001. He served as an assistant coach/advance scout under former Pistons Head Coach Alvin Gentry during the 1998-99 season.

Ociepka joined the Cleveland Cavaliers coaching staff during the 1999-00 season, serving as an assistant coach to Randy Whitman for two seasons. During the 1997-98 season, he served as the Orlando Magic's advance scout. The Chicago, Illinois native has several years of NBA experience, having held assistant coaching positions with the Philadelphia 76ers (1996-97), Los Angeles Clippers (1993-96) and Indiana Pacers (1989-93). Ociepka has served as an assistant for Johnny Davis in Philadelphia, Bob Weiss (1993-94) and Bill Fitch (1994-96) for the Clippers, and under Dick Versace (1989-90) and Bob Hill (1990-93) with the Pacers.

Ociepka, a two-year starter for Quincy (Ill.) College, began his NBA career with Detroit in the 1980's as a part-time volunteer scout while coaching high school basketball. In the early 1980's, Ociepka served as one of the Chicago area's most respected prep coaches, coaching 15 seasons at Gordon Tech High School and then at York High School for three-and-a-half seasons. On May 4, 2000, Ociepka's coaching efforts were recognized as he was inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame.

Recognized around the league for his strong knowledge of the game, Ociepka wrote Basketball Playbook: Plays from the Pros. The book, which was published in 1995, gives an overview of NBA strategies. His second book, Basketball Playbook 2: More Plays from the Pros, was published last year.

Ociepka and his wife, Anne, have one daughter, Katie (19).

ASSISTANT COACHES

KEVIN O'NEILL
Assistant Coach

Kevin O'Neill, who was named assistant coach by Rick Carlisle on June 25, 2001, brings over two decades of coaching experience in both the collegiate and professional ranks.

Most recently, O'Neill served as an assistant coach to Jeff Van Gundy and the New York Knicks during the 2000-01 season. Prior to entering the NBA, O'Neill was a college head coach at Northwestern, University of Tennessee and Marquette, where he posted a career head coaching record of 190-197 (.491).

A native of Chateaugay, N.Y., where he forged his friendship with fellow upstate New York native Rick Carlisle, O'Neill served as head coach at Marquette University for five seasons (1989-90 through 1993-94), guiding the Golden Eagles to two NCAA tournament appearances (1993 and 1994) and a Great Midwest Conference title in 1994. He then piloted the University of Tennessee for three years (1994-95 through 1996-97), before his three year stint at Northwestern.

O'Neill's college coaching career began in 1980-81, as a head coach at North Country Community College (NY). After one year (1982-83) as head coach at Marycrest College in Iowa, he served as an assistant coach at the University of Delaware (1983-84 through 1984-85) and the University of Arizona (1986-87 through 1988-89), prior to assuming the head coaching post at Marquette in 1989.

O'Neill is a 1979 graduate of Canada's McGill University with a B.A. degree in education. He was a three-year basketball letterman for the Redmen, the highlight being a 31-3 record during his sophomore season. He received his Master's degree in secondary education from Marycrest College in 1983.

Born on January 24, 1957, O'Neill also served as head coach at Hammond High School in Hammond, New York. O'Neill currently resides in Auburn Hills with his wife, Chelsea.

TRAINING STAFF

Mike Abdenour
Head Athletic Trainer

One of the NBA's most respected and tenured trainers, Mike Abdenour enters his 23rd year with the Detroit Pistons and his 26th year in the league this season. Abdenour's name has been virtually synonymous with the Pistons since he first started as the team's trainer in 1975. He worked in Detroit for 17 seasons before joining the Philadelphia 76ers in 1992. After a three-year stay in Philadelphia, Abdenour returned to the Pistons in 1995.

The 2000-01 season marked Abdenour's seventh in Detroit since his return. Aside from his duties as the team's head athletic trainer, Abdenour also handles travel matters for the Pistons.

Abdenour has a reputation as one of the league's most active and vocal trainers. He was always considered an integral part of coach Chuck Daly's staff on the Pistons' championship teams of 1989 and 1990, leaving Detroit after the 1991-92 season to take the job in Philadelphia.

Abdenour originally joined the Pistons staff in 1975, making the jump to the professional level from Wayne State University. He has been a member of the NBA's tight training fraternity since making that move.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association since his college days, Abdenour has handled a number of prestigious duties during his time in the NBA. Included on that list are serving as trainer for the 1979 and 1994 NBA All-Star games and the 1981 NBA All-Stars tour of mainland China. He served as secretary on the NBATA Executive Committee from 1987-89. He and his brother, Tom, made history of sorts in 1987, when they became the first brother training combination in professional sports as Tom was appointed trainer for the Golden State Warriors.

During the offseason Abdenour spends the majority of this time as a Little League baseball coach, coaching his two sons, Michael and Keith. He and his wife, Janice, reside in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

ARNIE KANDER
Strength and Conditioning Coach

Strength and conditioning coach Arnie Kander begins his 10th season with the Detroit Pistons. Kander has been with the Pistons since the spring of 1992, when he became the team's first strength and conditioning coach. He works in conjunction with team trainer Mike Abdenour on the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries for the Pistons. Kander's duties also include the design and implementation of specific programs that are aimed at enhancing individual players' flexibility, strength and aerobic conditioning.

An innovator in the strength and conditioning field, Kander has designed and developed the team's training area in its practice facility to meet the physical conditioning and developmental needs of NBA players. In addition to working with the team throughout the course of the season, Kander conducts an optional summer training program for each of the Detroit players at the practice facility. The program has proven to be quite successful and Kander gets credit for both the quick development of Detroit's young players and the continued conditioning of the team's veterans.

A 1987 graduate in physical therapy from Wayne State University, Kander began his career as the sports coordinator at Crittenton Fitness Institute. He then moved on to Rochester Knee and Sports Therapy where he worked as a staff therapist. Kander began his association with the Pistons while working at Rochester Knee and Sports.

Kander's interest in strength and conditioning began during his career as a professional dancer with the Virginia Ballet Company from 1983-86. He has since submitted several research projects on isokinetic strength testing, jump training and developing a jump platform system. While working for the Pistons, Kander has consulted and developed conditioning programs for some of the Detroit area's finest professional and amateur athletes.

Kander and his wife, Denise, have two children; son Ian and daughter Lindsay. The family resides in Lake Orion, Michigan.

VICTOR ALEXANDER

FORWARD/CENTER

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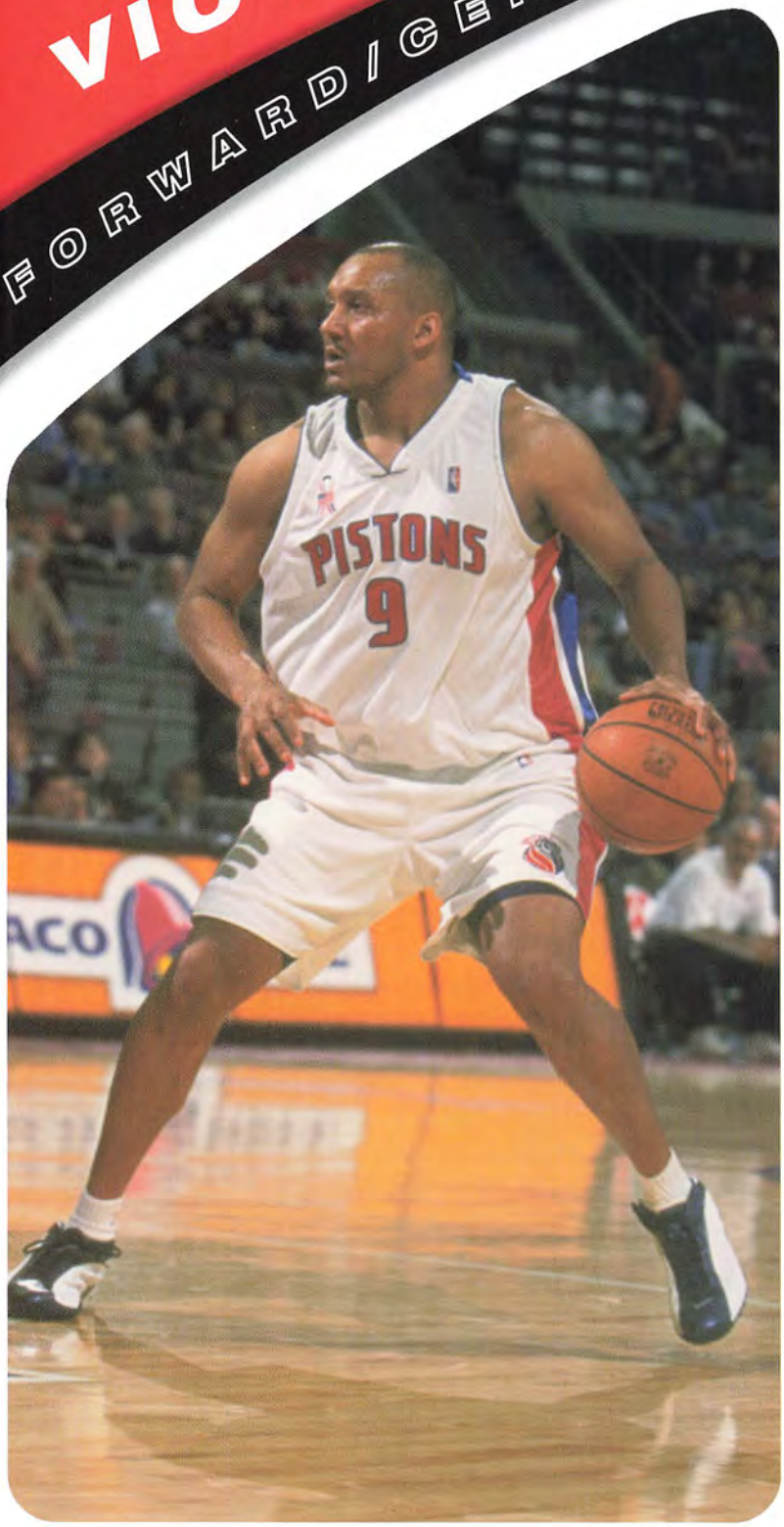

Height: 6'10"
Weight: 265
NBA Experience: 4 years
Birthdate: 8-31-69
Birthplace: Detroit, MI
College: Iowa State '91

Pro Capsule:

In 271 career NBA games has averages of 9.2 points on .522 (1083-2075 FG) shooting with 5.0 rebounds and 0.9 assists in 20.9 minutes per game.

Posted averages of 13.5 points, shooting 56.3% (120-213 FG) from the field, with 7.0 rebounds and 0.7 assists in 30.0 minutes in 22 games with TAU Ceramica (Victoria, Spain) in 2000-01.

Scored in double-figures in 31 of his last 33 games and a total of 42 times with Golden State in 1992-93.

Had a career-best streak of 22 games with at least 10 points (3/1/93-4/18/93) and ranked second among NBA centers in three-point field goals made (10-22 3FG) behind Vlade Divac (21-75 3FG) that same season.

Personal Capsule:

He and his wife Teri have two children, son, Victor Jr. and daughter, Alexis.

Attended Denby High School in Detroit.

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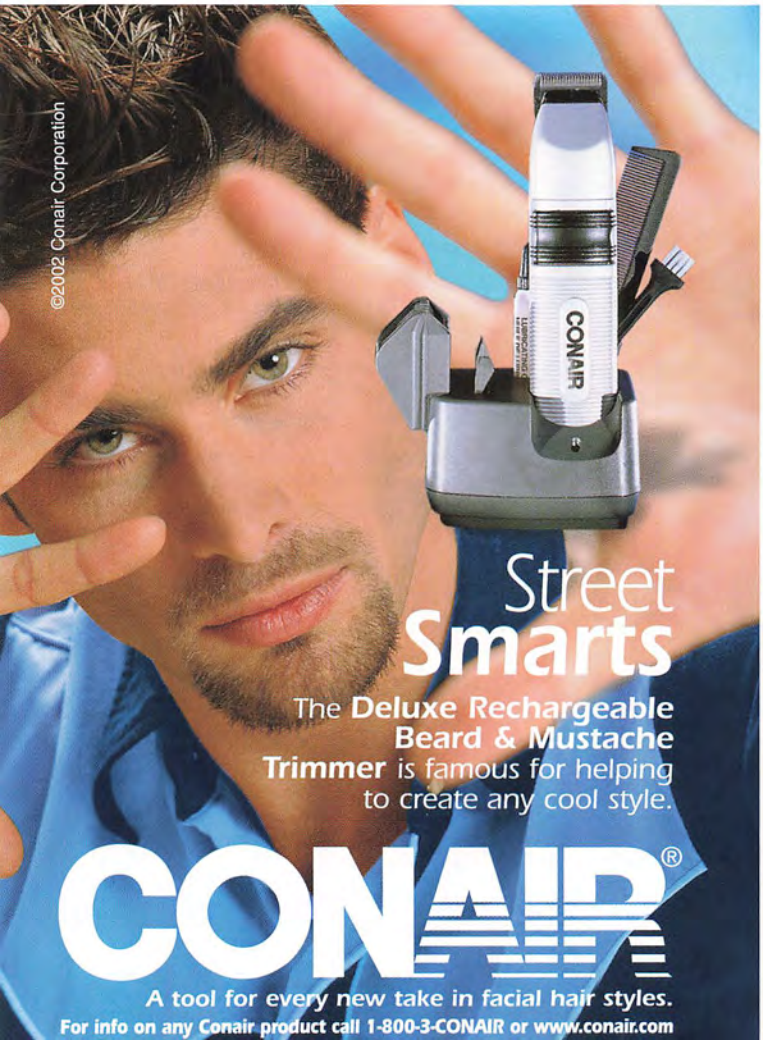
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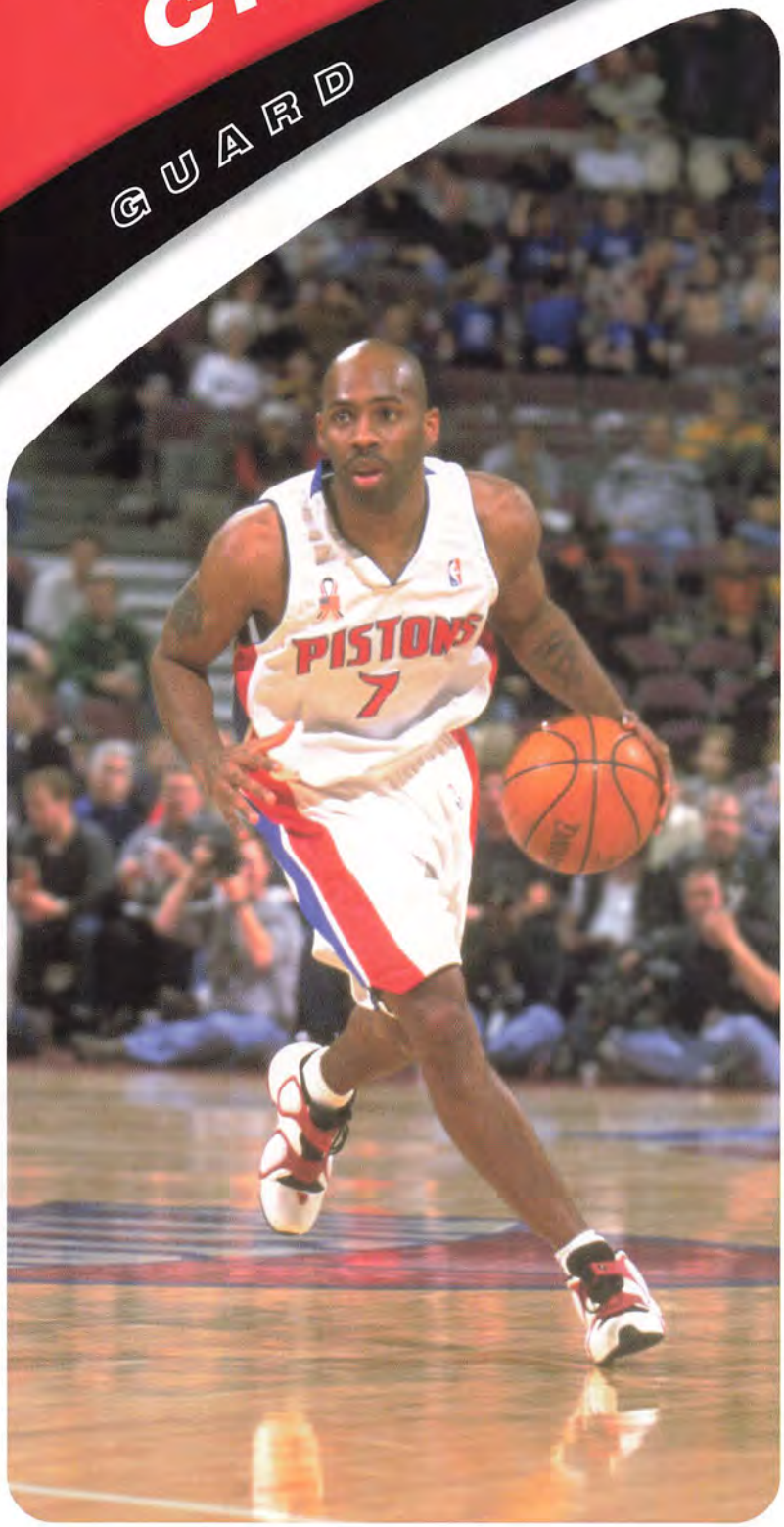

Height: 5'11"
Weight: 160
NBA Experience: 2 Years
Birthdate: 8-14-74
Birthplace: Orlando, FL
College: South Florida '96

2000-2001 Season:

Appeared in 81 games (75 starts), averaging career-high figures in scoring (12.0), assists (4.1), rebounds (2.1), steals (.83), and minutes played (29.2).

Shot a career-high .357 from the three-point line, ranking 19th in the NBA in three-point field goals made (121) and 16th in three-point field goal attempts (339).

Was the only other Piston to eclipse 30-plus points when he scored a career-high 36 points vs. Miami on 3/2/01.

Finished third on the team in scoring as his scoring average (12.0) increased 2.5 points from the previous year (9.5 ppg in 1999-00).

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with career averages of 10.8 points, 1.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 0.73 steals and 24.5 minutes in 163 regular-season games.

Played in 82 regular-season games with the Orlando Magic posting averages of 9.5 points (.424 FG) and 3.7 assists in 19.8 minutes in 1999-2000.

Named to the NBA All-Rookie Second Team after ranking fifth among rookies in three-point field goal percentage (.350), seventh in assists (3.7 apg), eighth in scoring (9.5 ppg) and 10th in field goal percentage (.424) in 1999-00.

Spent 1997-99 with Cibona of Croatia, helping them to consecutive championships while averaging 12.2 points and 11.3 points respectively in those two seasons.

Undrafted out of college, spent the 1996-97 season in the CBA with the La Crosse Bobcats tallying CBA All-Rookie First Team honors posting 16.2 ppg and 7.5 apg.

Personal Capsule:

Received a basketball from his father for his first birthday and could dribble with control by age three.

Played football as a freshman in high school, seeing some time at quarterback.

An avid dog lover, owns two rottweilers, King and Ace.

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DANA BARROS

GUARD

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Height: 5'11"
Weight: 165
NBA Experience: 12 Years
Birthdate: 4-13-67
Birthplace: Boston, MA
College: Boston College '89

2000-2001 Season:

Averaged 8.0 points, 1.6 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 18.0 minutes in 60 regular-season games last season.

Connected on 44-of-105 (.419) three-pointers finishing third on the team in three-point field goals made.

Tallied 10-plus points on 22 occasions and 20-plus points once including a season-high 22 points vs. Milwaukee on 1/21/01.

Among all-time NBA leaders, ended the season ranked sixth all-time in three-point field goal percentage at 41.3% (1,066-2,581 3FG) and 17th in three-point field goals made (1,066).

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with career averages of 10.6 points (.461 FG), 1.9 rebounds, 3.4 assists, 0.89 steals and 23.0 minutes in 820 regular-season games.

Recorded the 1,000th three-point field goal of his career at Seattle on 2/19/00.

Named to the Eastern Conference All-Star team in 1994-95 and was named the NBA's Most Improved Player that same season.

Led the NBA in three-point shooting with a .446 mark making 83-of-183 shots in 1992.

Personal Capsule:

Would like to coach high school basketball once he retires from the professional ranks.

His song "Check It" was one of 11 on the Basketball's Best Kept Secret released in December 1994.

Majored in Speech Communication/Broadcasting in college and was involved with the Massachusetts Special Olympics.

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JON BARRY

GUARD

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Height: 6'5"

Weight: 210

NBA Experience: 9 Years

Birthdate: 7-25-69

Birthplace: Oakland, CA

College: Georgia Tech '92

2000-2001 Season:

Averaged 5.1 points (.404 FG%, .348 3FG%, .877 FT%), 1.5 rebounds, 2.1 assists, and 16.3 minutes in 62 games (two starts) for the Sacramento Kings.

Scored in double-figures nine times and led team in assists in eight games.

Registered a season-high 15 points (4-7 FG, 1-1 3FG, 6-6 FT) vs. Seattle (12/23).

Dished out season-high seven assists at Detroit (11/3) and at Denver (4/18).

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with career averages of 4.9 points (.442 FG%, .830 FT%), 1.5 rebounds, 1.9 assists, and 14.6 minutes in 513 regular season games with Milwaukee (1992-93/1994-95), Golden State (1995-96), Atlanta (1996-97), the L.A. Lakers (1997-98), and Sacramento (1998-99—2000-01).

Was ranked ninth in the NBA in three-point percentage at 42.9 percent and would have finished second in the league in free throw percentage but was 18 made free throws shy of qualifying in 1999-00 with Sacramento.

Registered 224 of his 495 regular-season points in the fourth quarter (45.3%) for Sacramento during the 1999-00 season.

His free throw percentage was the second highest by a Kings player with at least 100 attempts in the Sacramento-era, trailing only Spud Webb's 93.4% in 1994-95.

Personal Capsule:

Father is a former NBA All-Star with Golden State, a Hall of Fame inductee, and was named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history.

Has three brothers, Scooter (Germany), Brent (Seattle), and Drew who also play professional basketball.

Featured in Golf Digest last season as the top golfer in the NBA, has played on the Celebrity Golf Association summer tour and carries a three handicap.

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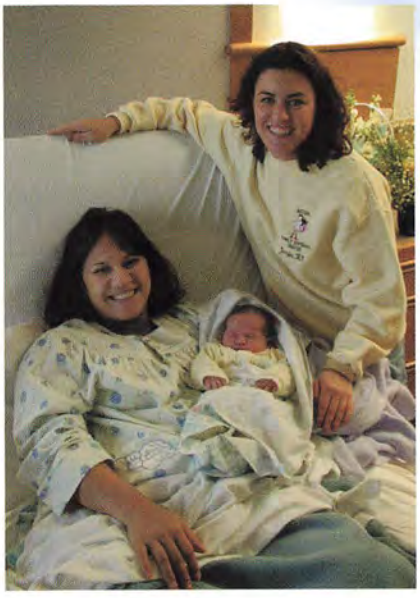

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BRIAN CARDINAL

FORWARD

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Height: 6'8"
Weight: 245
NBA Experience: 1 Year
Birthdate: 5-2-77
Birthplace: Tolono, IL
College: Purdue '99

2000-2001 Season:

In 15 games averaged 2.1 points on .323 (10-13 FG) shooting with 1.5 rebounds and 0.5 steals in 8.4 minutes.

Tallied a career-high nine points (3-4FG, 0-1 3FG, 3-4 FT) with a career-high-tying four rebounds, one assist and three steals in 18 minutes against Toronto (4/11).

College Capsule:

In 132 games at Purdue, averaged 12.0 points (.461 FG) and 5.7 rebounds in four seasons.

Ranks as Purdue's all-time leader in career-steals (259 — fourth-best in Big Ten history), career games started (125) and is the co-leader in games played (132).

One of six players in Purdue history to have scored 1,000 career points, grabbed 500 career rebounds and recorded 200 career assists.

Personal Capsule:

Nicknamed "The Custodian" by his former teammate Jerome Williams for the way he cleans the floor in practice, diving for loose balls and hustling on every play.

He was a ball boy on the 1989 Illinois team that went to the Final Four and he learned to shoot a basketball at Assembly Hall.

Father has been the head basketball trainer for the University of Illinois for the past 28 years.

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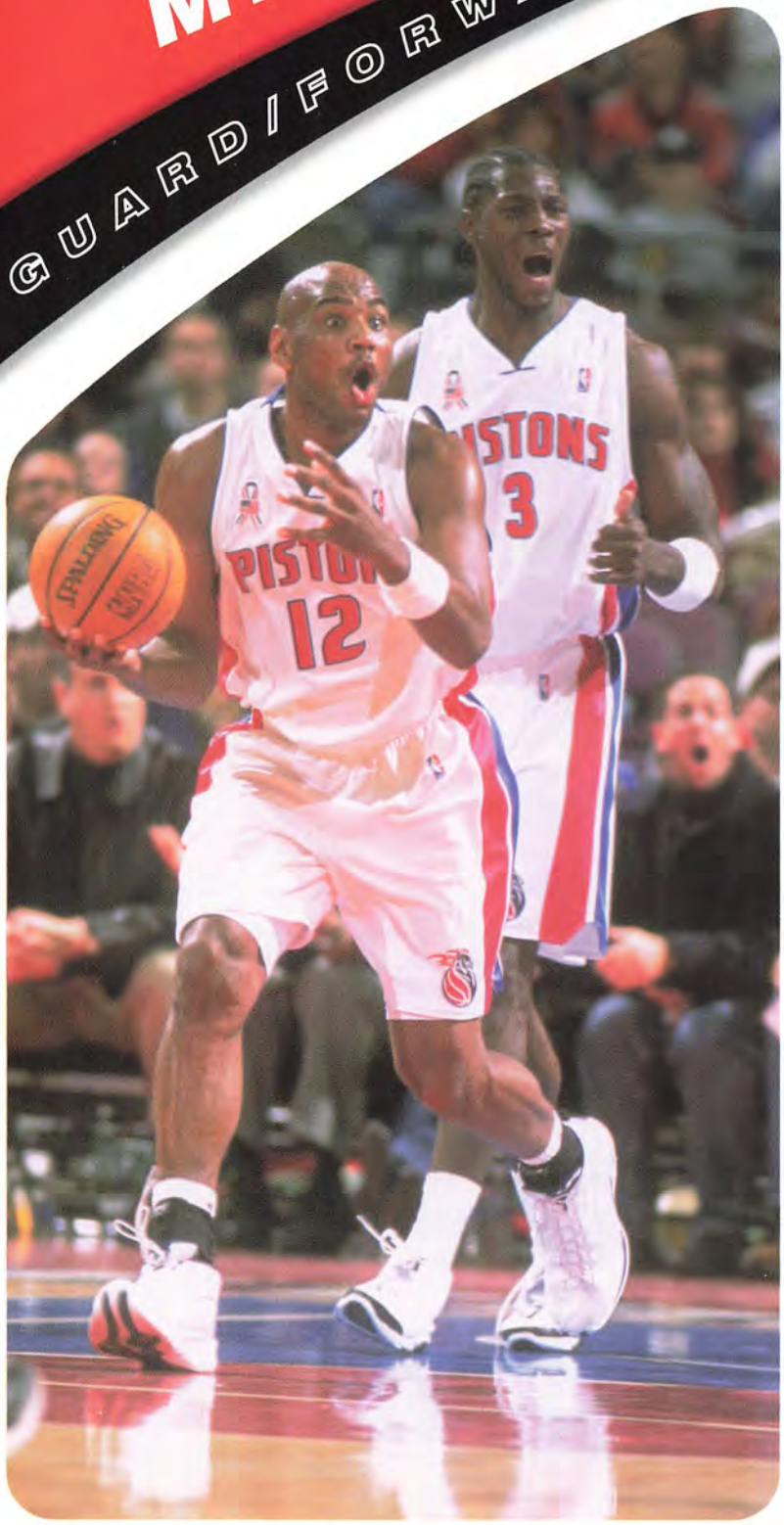


Height: 6'5"
Weight: 210
NBA Experience: 7 Years
Birthdate: 8-22-68
Birthplace: Aniston, AL
College: Georgia Southern '90

2000-2001 Season:

In 68 games (58 starts), averaged 5.2 points, 1.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists in 21.8 minutes.

Shot 44.4% (4-9 3FG) from beyond the arc which led the team.

Scored 10-plus points 10 times, including back-to-back 10-plus point games at Cleveland (11/21) and vs. Vancouver (11/24).

Missed the last 13 games of the season due to a right thumb compound dislocation suffered in practice.

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with averages of 5.2 points on .459 shooting with 1.5 rebounds in 19.7 minutes per game in 419 NBA games.

Scored in double figures in 17 games with Detroit in 1999-00 and started the final three games for an injured Grant Hill that same season.

First came to Detroit in 1995-96, signing the first of two 10-day contracts with the team before signing for the remainder of the season on 2/22/96.

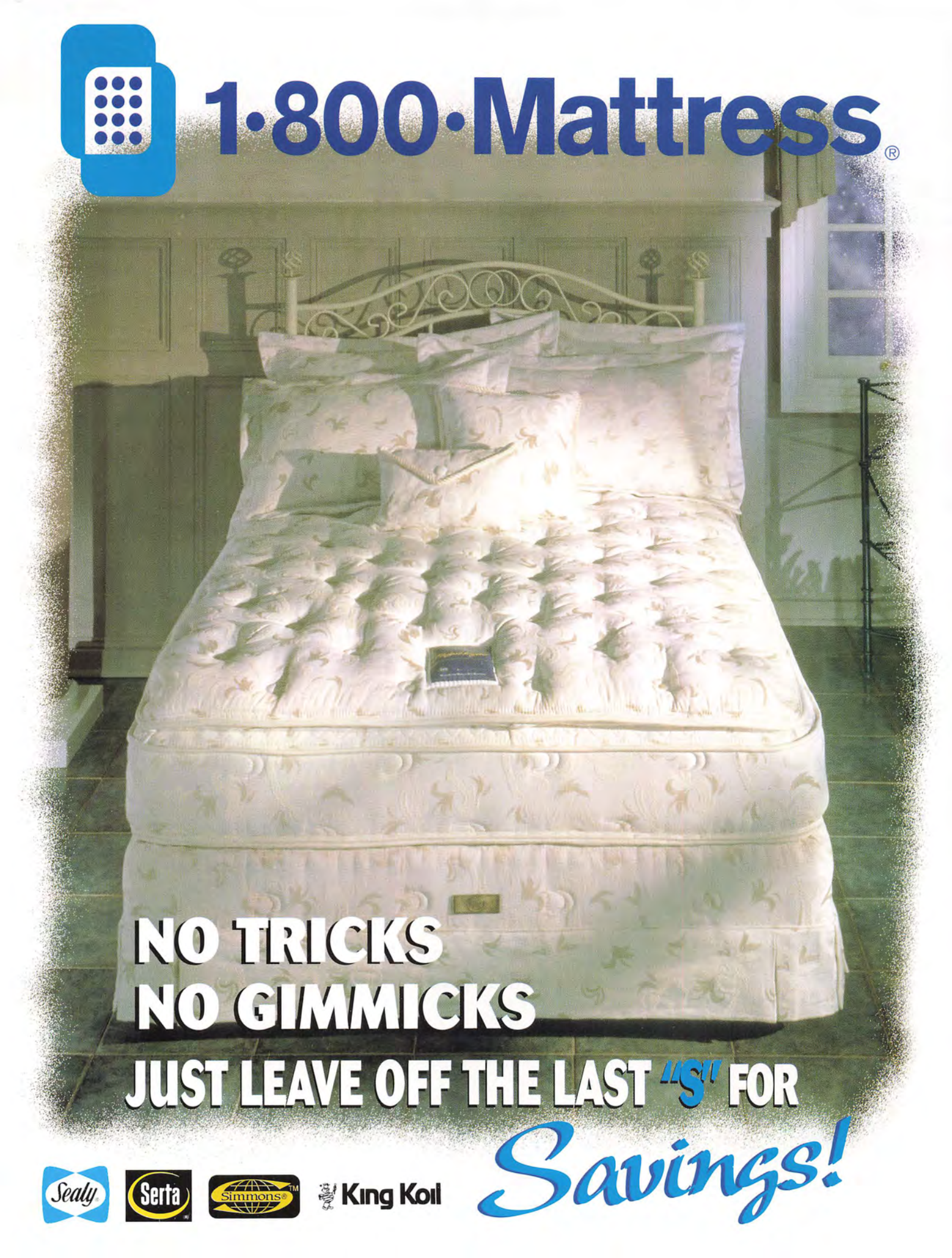
Undrafted out of college, has played in Germany, Belgium, Italy and Spain as well as in three U.S. minor leagues.

Personal Capsule:

Serves as President of the NBA Player's Association.

Is the Pistons spokesperson for their Fannie Mae Foundation partnership and a member of the NBA's All-Star Reading Team for the newly created "Read to Achieve" program.

Currently working on correspondence classes at Virginia Commonwealth University to earn a Master's Degree in sports management.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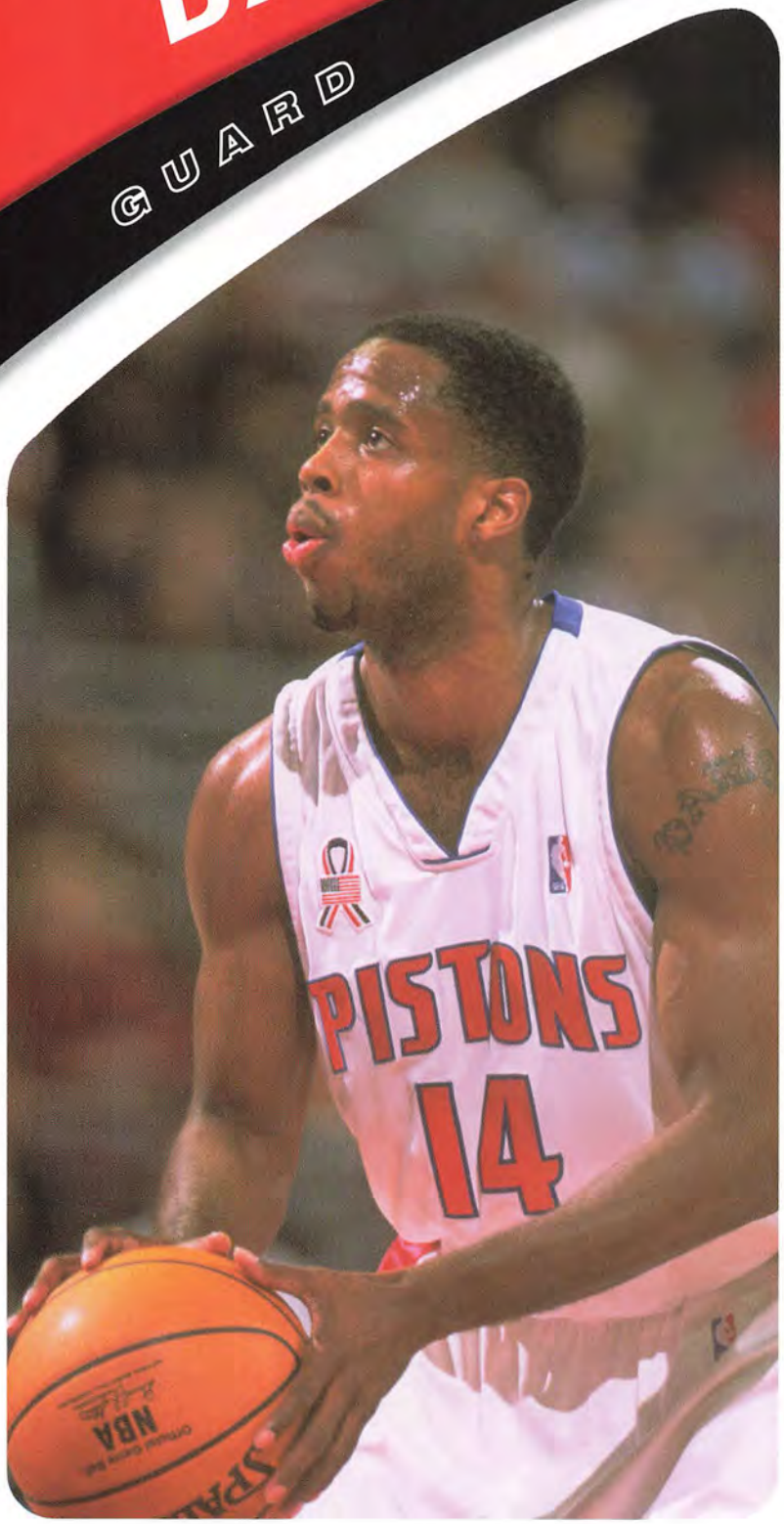

Height: 6'3"
Weight: 185
NBA Experience: 3 Years
Birthdate: 8-25-76
Birthplace: Galveston, TX
College: Houston '97

2000-2001 Season:

Averaged career-highs of 6.5 points and 3.2 assists in 71 games with Vancouver while trailing only Mike Bibby and Michael Dickerson for the team lead in both assists and three-pointers.

Scored in double-figures on 17 occasions, reaching 20 points three times.

Registered a career-high 13 assists vs. Minnesota on 4/10/01 and a career-high 25 points , tying his career-high with five three-pointers six days later on 4/16/01 at Sacramento.

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with NBA career averages of 5.5 points, 1.5 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 15.8 minutes in 150 regular-season games that include stints with Vancouver (2000-01), Dallas (1999-00), Golden State (1999-00), Boston (1998-99) and New Jersey (1998-99).

Played in the Continental Basketball Association with the Idaho Stampede and was named the CBA's Newcomer of the Year after leading the league in scoring with 21.7 points per game and ranking third in assists with 6.3 per game in 35 games in 1998-99.

Undrafted by an NBA franchise, played in the International Basketball Association with the Black Hills Posse averaging 12.4 points and 3.4 assists in 34 games earning IBA Sixth Man of the Year honors (1997-98).

Personal Capsule:

Worked as a ball kid with the Houston Rockets during their championship drives.

Majored in Business Management at Houston.

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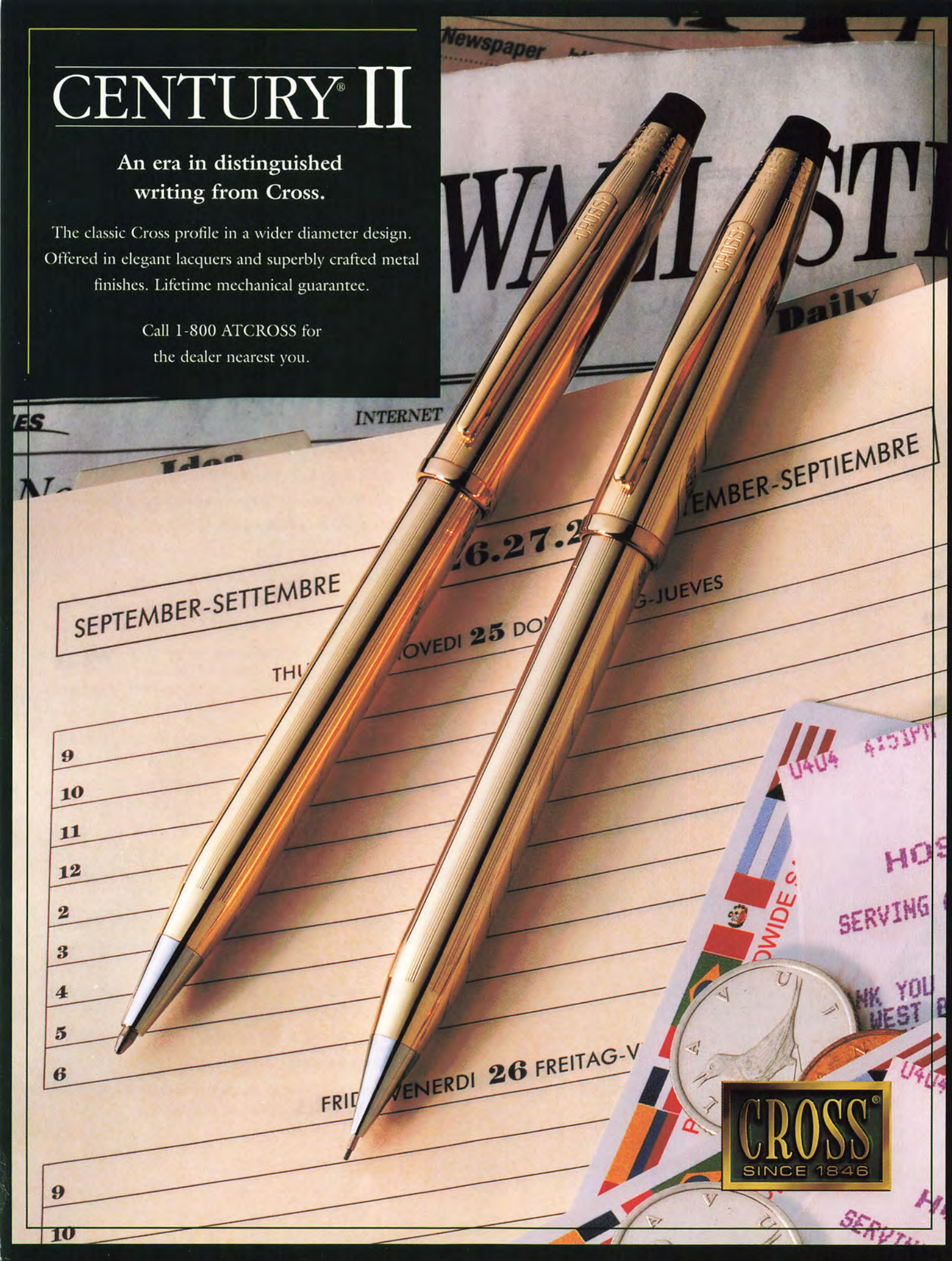

MIKKI MOORE

CENTER

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Height: 7'0"
Weight: 230
NBA Experience: 3 Years
Birthdate: 11-4-75
Birthplace: Orangeburg, SC
College: Nebraska '97

2000-2001 Season:

In 81 games (two starts) averaged 4.4 points, 3.9 rebounds and 0.8 blocks in 14.2 minutes.

In games when logging 25-plus minutes (5), averaged 10.2 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.0 blocks while shooting 46.4% (13-28 FG) from the field and 83.3% (25-30 FT) from the free throw line.

Tallied a career-high 16 points twice, at Portland (12/9) and at L.A. Clippers (3/27).

Registered his first career double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds in a career-high 27 minutes at L.A. Clippers (3/27).

Pro Capsule:

In 112 career NBA games has averages of 5.3 points on 53.8% (220-409 FG) shooting with 3.8 rebounds and 0.8 blocks in 14.7 minutes per game.

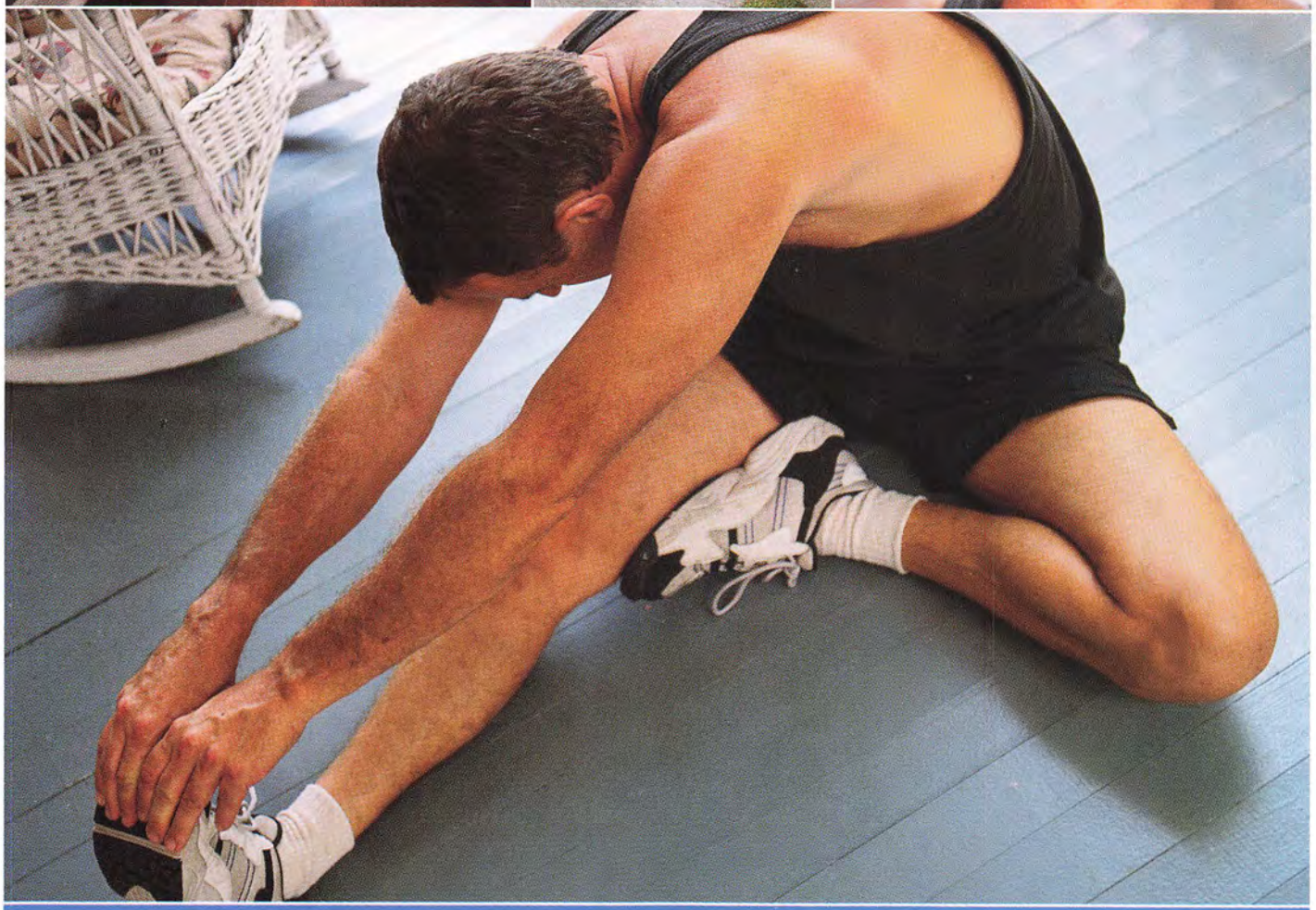
Spent the better part of two seasons in the CBA with the Fort Wayne Fury, tallying First-Team All-CBA and All-Defensive honors in 1998-99.

Was named CBA player of the Week on 11/1/99 and was the only rookie on the American Conference All-Star squad.

Personal Capsule:

Full name is Clinton Renard Moore.

Nicknamed "Snake" by his teammates because of his affinity for reptiles and has numerous animals.



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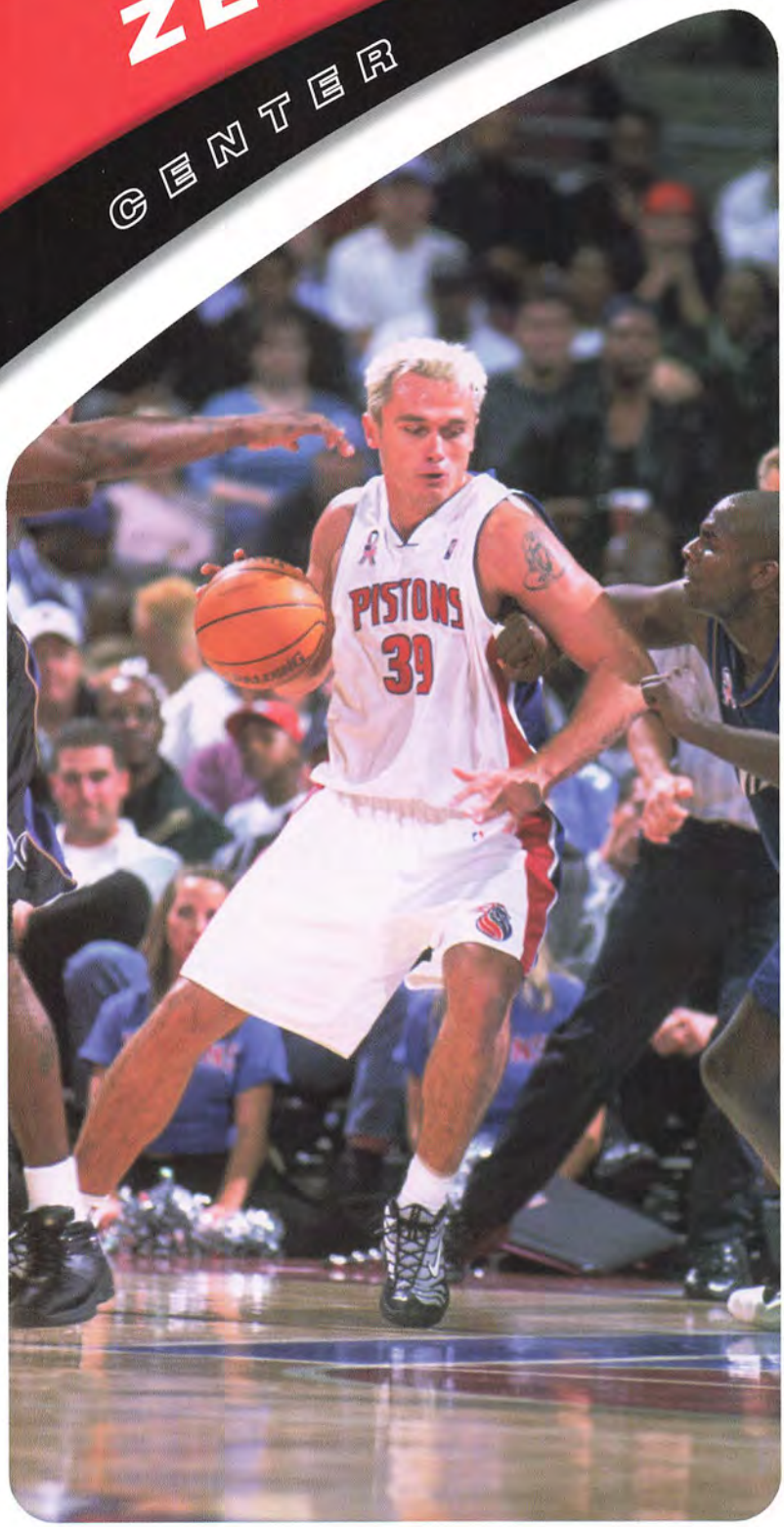

Height: 7'0"
Weight: 257
NBA Experience: Rookie
Birthdate: 4-9-72
Birthplace: Apatin, Yugoslavia

Pro Capsule:

Drafted by Seattle in the second round of the 1994 NBA Draft (54th overall) before having his rights traded to Minnesota and subsequently Toronto on January 21, 1999.

Earned Most Valuable Player honors in the Italian League All-Star Game in 1999 and was named Most Valuable Player of Europe in FIBA competition that same year.

Awarded as one of the Ambassadors of Good Will by the Yugoslavian Government in 1998.

Has spent his entire professional career playing in Europe, earning a silver medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta for Yugoslavia.

Since 1990, eight of the teams he has played on have won championships in Europe.

Personal Capsule

Is a native of Apatin, Yugoslavia.

Nickname given by the rest of the Pistons team is "Zelly."

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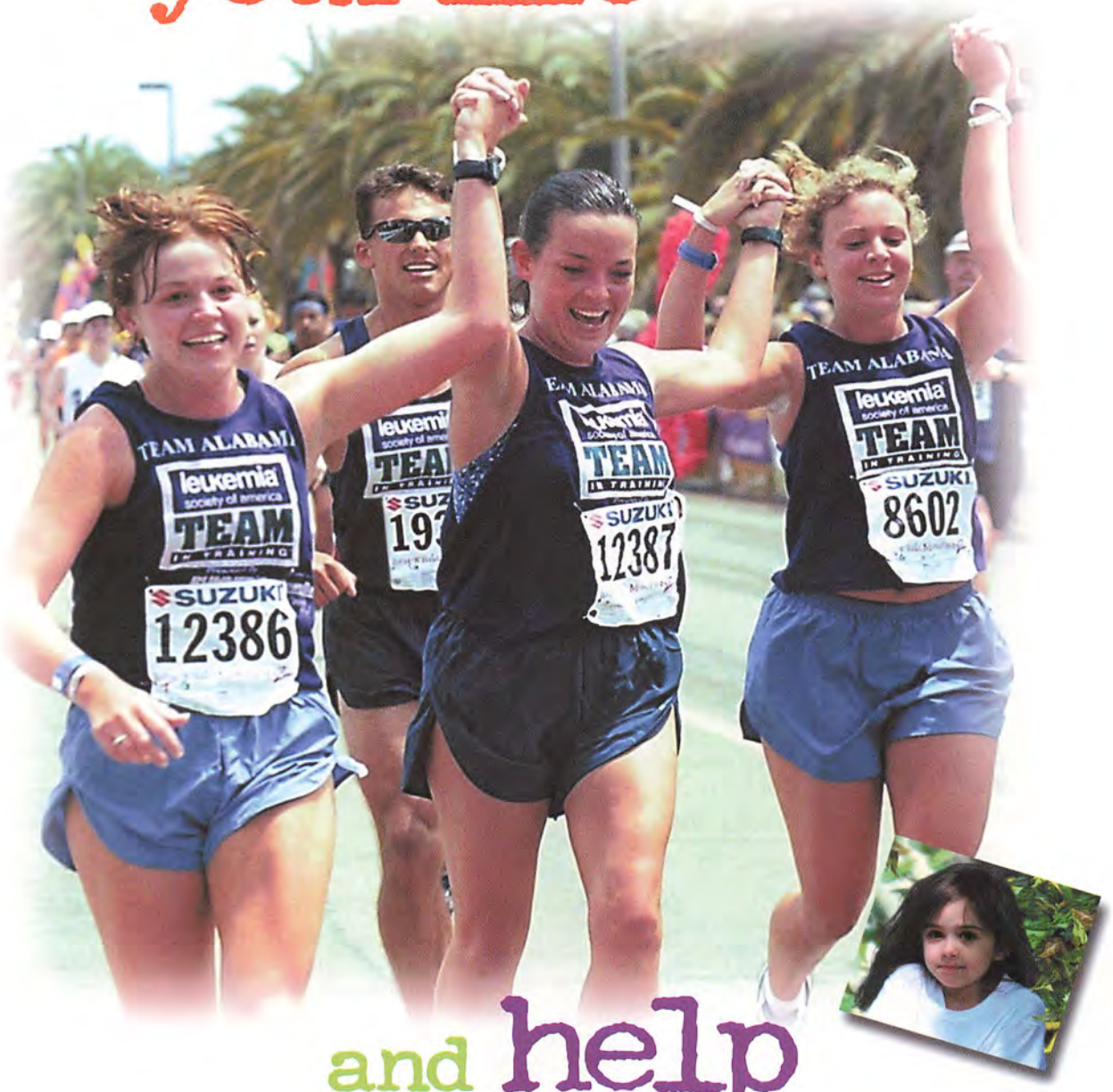

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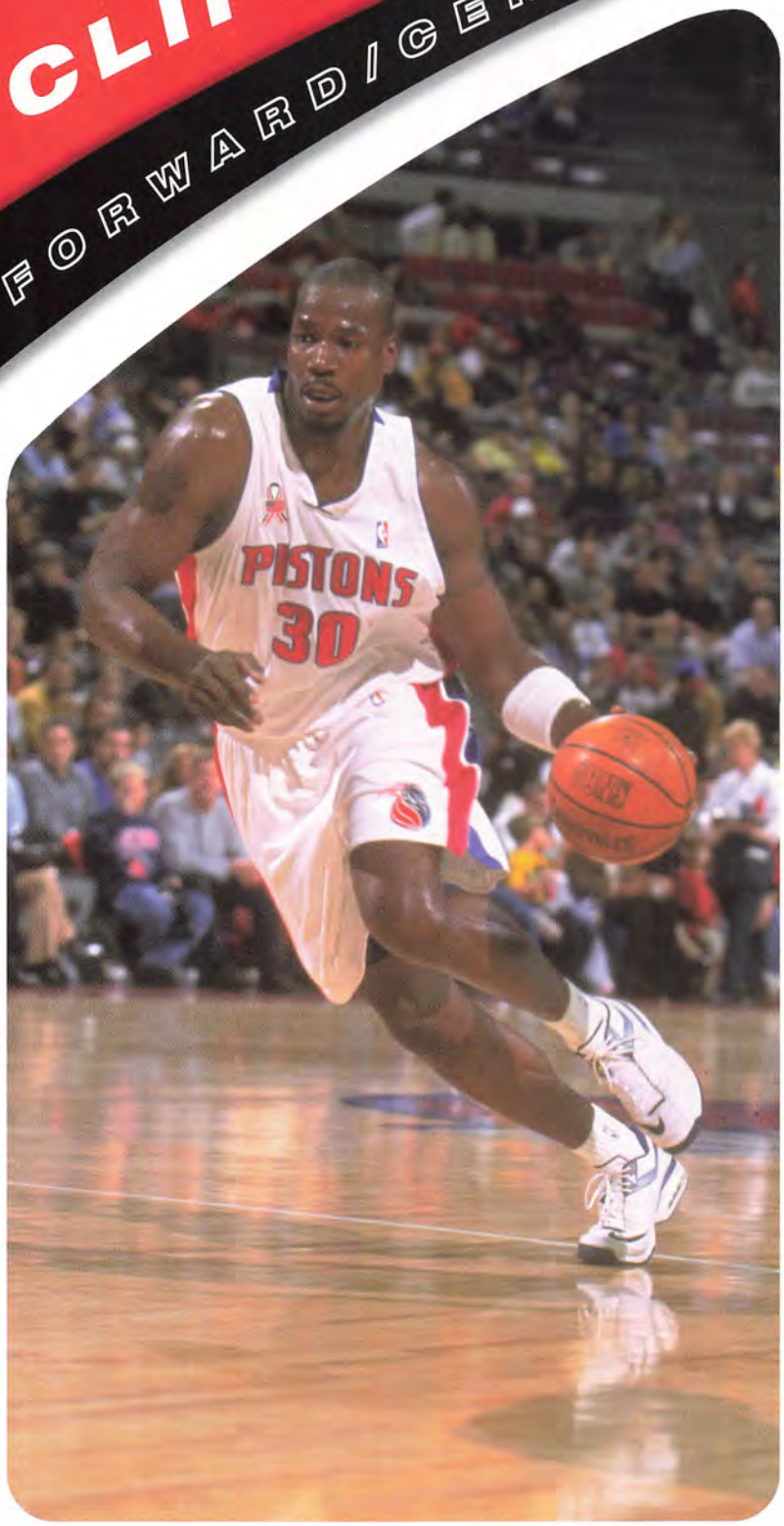

Height: 6'10"
Weight: 225
NBA Experience: 12 Years
Birthdate: 12-16-66
Birthplace: Buffalo, NY
College: Connecticut '89

2000-2001 Season:

Played in 82 regular-season games with the Phoenix Suns and posted averages of 16.4 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 33.5 minutes.

Became the 89th player in NBA history to score 15,000 career points with 3:33 left at Seattle (3/22).

Broke out for season highs with 42 points (14-24 FG, 13-14 FT) and eight rebounds at Portland (2/1) with 17 points in the final quarter and 15 in the first period.

The 42 points was the second-highest point total of his career (50 on 1/16/00 vs. Denver) and was his fourth 40-plus career effort.

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with averages of 16.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 936 games.

Set America West Arena record and career-high with 50 points vs. Denver (1/16/00), the third highest regular season single-game total in Suns history.

Became oldest player in NBA history to score 50 points for the first time (33 yrs, 2 mos) in 1999-2000.

Played in 1994 NBA All-Star Game in Minnesota and had 10 points and five rebounds in 18 minutes.

Won the 1992-93 NBA Sixth Man of the Year Award with a record 90.8% of the vote after he averaged 19.1 points, 6.6 rebounds and career-best 2.0 blocks.

Has played in 98 career playoff games, making two NBA Finals appearances (1990, 1992).

Personal Capsule:

Sister, Alisa, played basketball at Canisius.

Majored in human development and family relations and would like to work with underprivileged children following his basketball career.

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JERRY STACKHOUSE

GUARD

42

Height: 6'6"
Weight: 218
NBA Experience: 6 Years
Birthdate: 11-5-74
Birthplace: Kinston, NC
College: North Carolina '97

2000-2001 Season:

In 80 games averaged 29.8 points, 3.9 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 1.21 steals in 40.2 minutes (all as a starter).

Ranked first in the NBA in total points - 2,380 and led the Pistons in scoring in 72-of-80 games.

Scored a franchise record, NBA season-high and career-high 57 points (21-36 FG, 4-11 3FG, 11-13 FT) with four rebounds, five assists and one steal in 42 minutes at Chicago (4/3), surpassing Kelly Tripucka's previous record of 56 points.

Became the fourth Pistons player in team history to score 2,000 or more points in a season (George Yardley, Dave Bing, and Bob Lanier).

Named an NBA All-Star for the second consecutive season as he tallied seven points (3-8 FG, 1-1 3FG, 0-2 FT) with two rebounds and two assists in 15 minutes in Washington D.C. (2/11).

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with career averages of 21.2 points on .412 shooting with 3.7 rebounds and 3.8 assists in 36.6 minutes in 436 career NBA games.

In two NBA All-Star games has averages of 7.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg and 2.0 apg in 14.5 minutes.

His 21.2 ppg career average is the highest career average of any player taken in 1995 NBA Draft, topping the likes of Kevin Garnett, Joe Smith, Rasheed Wallace, Michael Finley and Damon Stoudamire.

Was the third-highest scoring guard in the NBA (behind Iverson and Payton) in 1999-00.

Selected to All-Rookie First Team and was fourth in voting for Rookie of the Year in 1995-96.

Personal Capsule:

Was named to the Board of Trustees for the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, becoming the youngest person in the country to serve on the board of a major hospital system.

Hosted a celebrity wheelchair basketball game in September to raise funds for the Institute.

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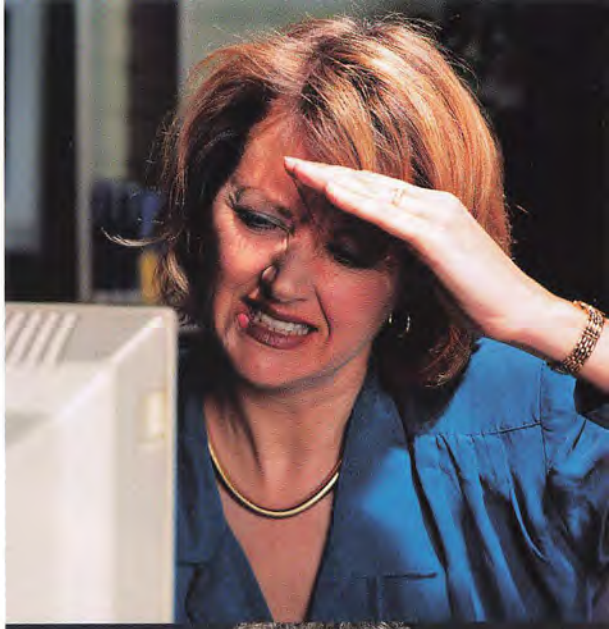

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CENTER

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Height: 7'1"
Weight: 260
NBA Experience: Rookie
Birthdate: 5-6-79
Birthplace: Bosanska Gradiska, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Pro Capsule:

Played in three games with the Pistons' 2001 summer league team in Orlando this past summer (two starts), posting averages of 8.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in 19.7 minutes.

Has been a member of the Paritzan Belgrade basketball club in Yugoslavia since he was 15 years old.

Helped his team to the 2000 Yugoslavian National Cup.

Was a member of the Yugoslavian Junior National Team (1996 and 1997) and the Under 22 Yugoslavian National Team at the 1998 European Championships.

Personal Capsule:

Is a native of Bosanska Gradiska, Bosnia-Herzegovina

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BEN WALLACE

FORWARD

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Height: 6'9"
Weight: 240
NBA Experience: 5 Years
Birthdate: 9-10-74
Birthplace: White Hall, AL
College: Virginia Union '96

2000-2001 Season:

In 80 games (all as a starter) averaged 6.4 points, 13.2 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 1.34 steals and 2.33 blocks in 34.5 minutes.

Was the first Piston player in franchise history to lead the club in rebounds, steals and blocks and the first, since Dennis Rodman, (1,132 in 1992-93) to pull down over 1,000 boards tallying 1,052 for the season.

Placed tied for fifth in NBA Defensive Player of the Year voting with six votes.

Grabbed 20-plus rebounds in back-to-back games [20 vs. Miami (3/2) and 22 vs. Orlando (3/4)] joining Dikembe Mutombo as one of only two players to tally back-to-back 20-plus rebounds during the year.

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with career averages of 4.6 points on .507 shooting (599-1,182 FG) with 8.1 rebounds and 1.59 blocks in 23.6 minutes in 308 games.

During the 1999-00 season, led the Orlando Magic and ranked 20th in the NBA in rebounds (665) and 22nd in blocked shots (130).

Tallied double-figure rebounds in 25 games, including a then-career-high 21 boards at Philadelphia on 3/19/00.

Led the Washington Wizards in rebounding (8.3 rpg), field goal percentage (.578) and blocks (1.96 bpg) in 1998-99.

Personal Capsule:

Is the 10th of 11 children in his family.

Active in the Pistons' Fannie Mae Foundation community program as well as numerous holiday events.

Was recently married to his long-time girlfriend, Chanda, in Virginia over the summer.

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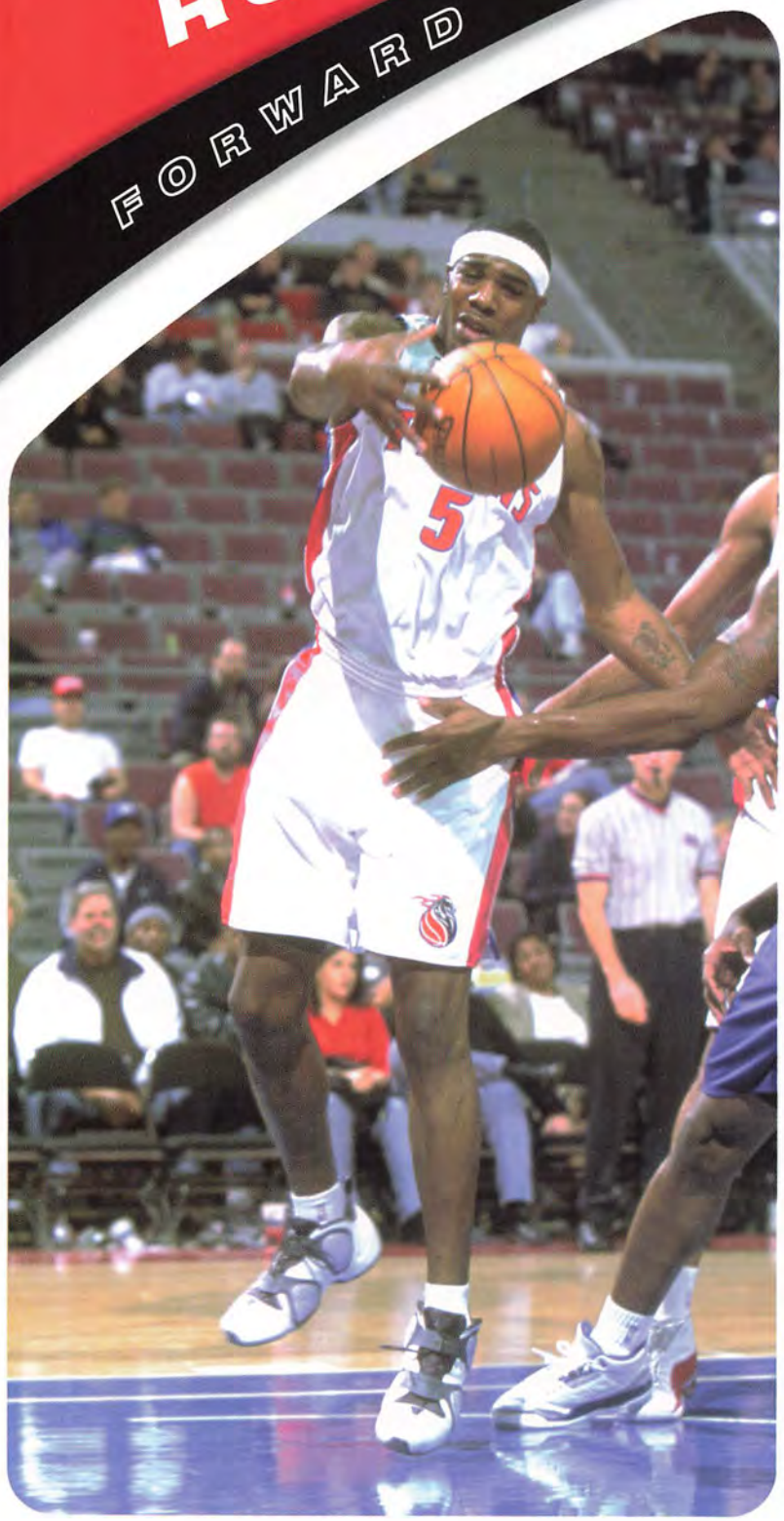

Height: 6'9"
Weight: 238
NBA Experience: Rookie
Birthdate: 6-28-80
Birthplace: Philadelphia, PA
College: Charlotte '04

College Capsule:

Named Conference USA Freshman of the Year and National Freshman of the Year by ESPN.com.

Became only the third freshman to be named to the All-Conference USA First Team, joining NBA players Quentin Richardson of the L.A. Clippers and Larry Hughes of the Golden State Warriors.

Became the first freshman in league history to win Conference USA Tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

Was the top freshman scorer in the nation at 18.7 points per game in 2000-01.

During 2000-01 season, scored in double-figures in 26 of 28 games; with 24 games of 15-plus points and 11 games of 20-plus points.

Named Conference USA Player of the Week after the first week of the season becoming the first freshman in league history to win the award in the opening week.

Earned the CoSIDA Classic Most Valuable Player award after scoring 20-plus points vs. Fordham and North Carolina State as a freshman.

Personal Capsule:

Full name is Rodney Charles White.

In 1998-99, averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds while shooting 52 percent from the floor, 36 percent from three-point range and 78 percent from the line at Newport Prep (Maryland).

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CORLISS WILLIAMSON

FORWARD

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Height: 6'7"
Weight: 245
NBA Experience: 6 years
Birthdate: 12-4-73
Birthplace: Russellville, AK
College: Arkansas '96

2000-2001 Season:

In 69 games with Detroit and Toronto, averaged 11.6 points, 4.7 rebounds and 0.9 assists in 24.4 minutes.

Shot a career-best 50.2 % (325-647 FG) from the field which ranked ninth in the NBA.

His 26 points vs. Indiana (3/11) were the most tallied by a Piston coming off the bench.

Registered a 4-5 record when in the Pistons starting lineup, good enough for the best individual winning percentage (.444) on the team.

Pulled down a career-high-tying 16 rebounds including a career-high 11 defensive rebounds vs. Orlando (3/4).

Pro Capsule:

Entered the 2001-02 season with career averages of 12.0 points, 4.2 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 25.1 minutes in 406 NBA games.

A career 49.4% marksman from the field, has made at least 50% of his attempts in each of the last five seasons.

Ranked 15th in the NBA shooting 50.0% from the field during the 1999-00 season.

During that same season, shot a career-best 76.9% from the line, nearly 100 percentage points higher than his previous best.

Finished second in voting for the NBA's Most Improved Player Award after recording career-highs of 17.7 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 35.7 minutes in 79 games in 1997-98.

Personal Capsule:

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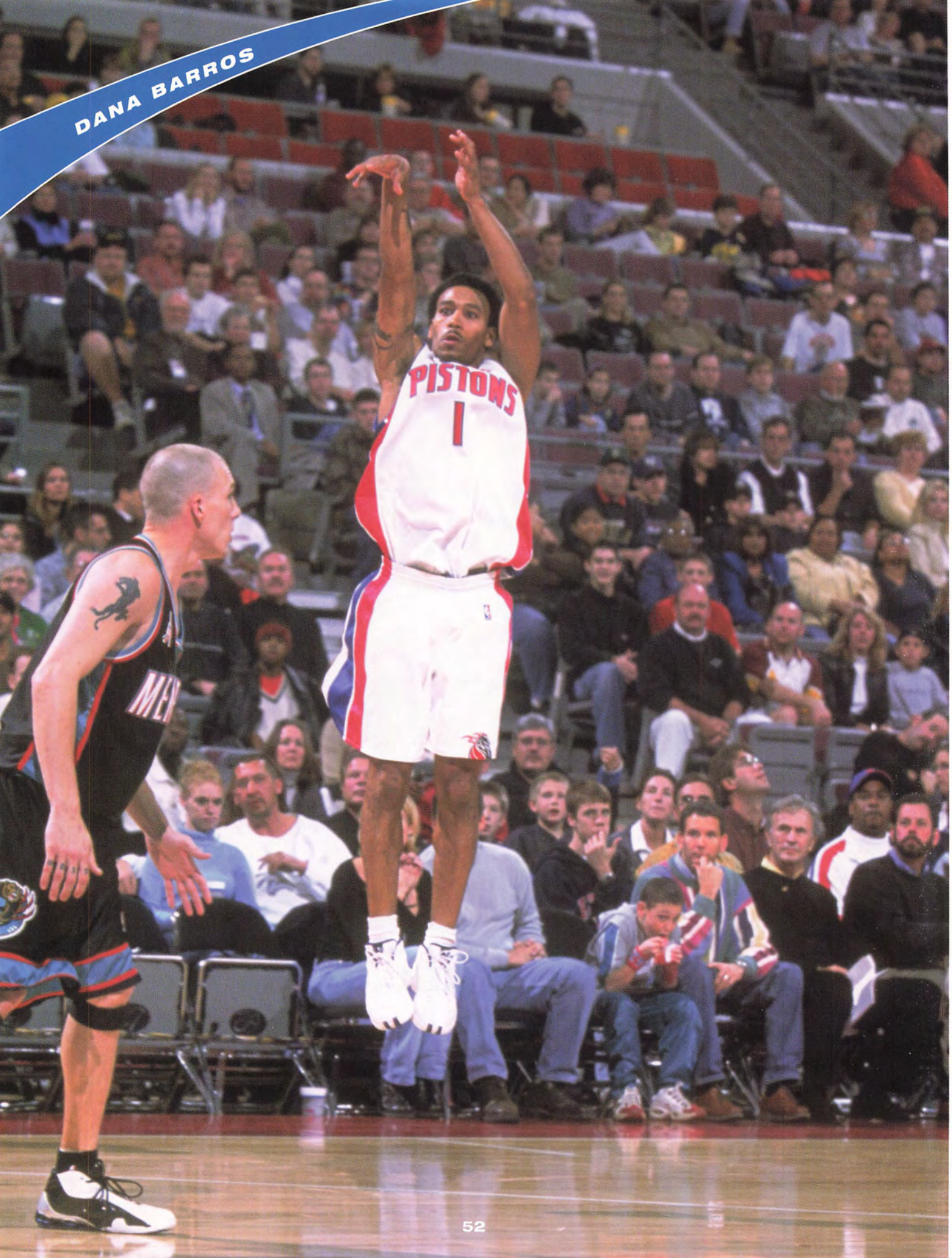
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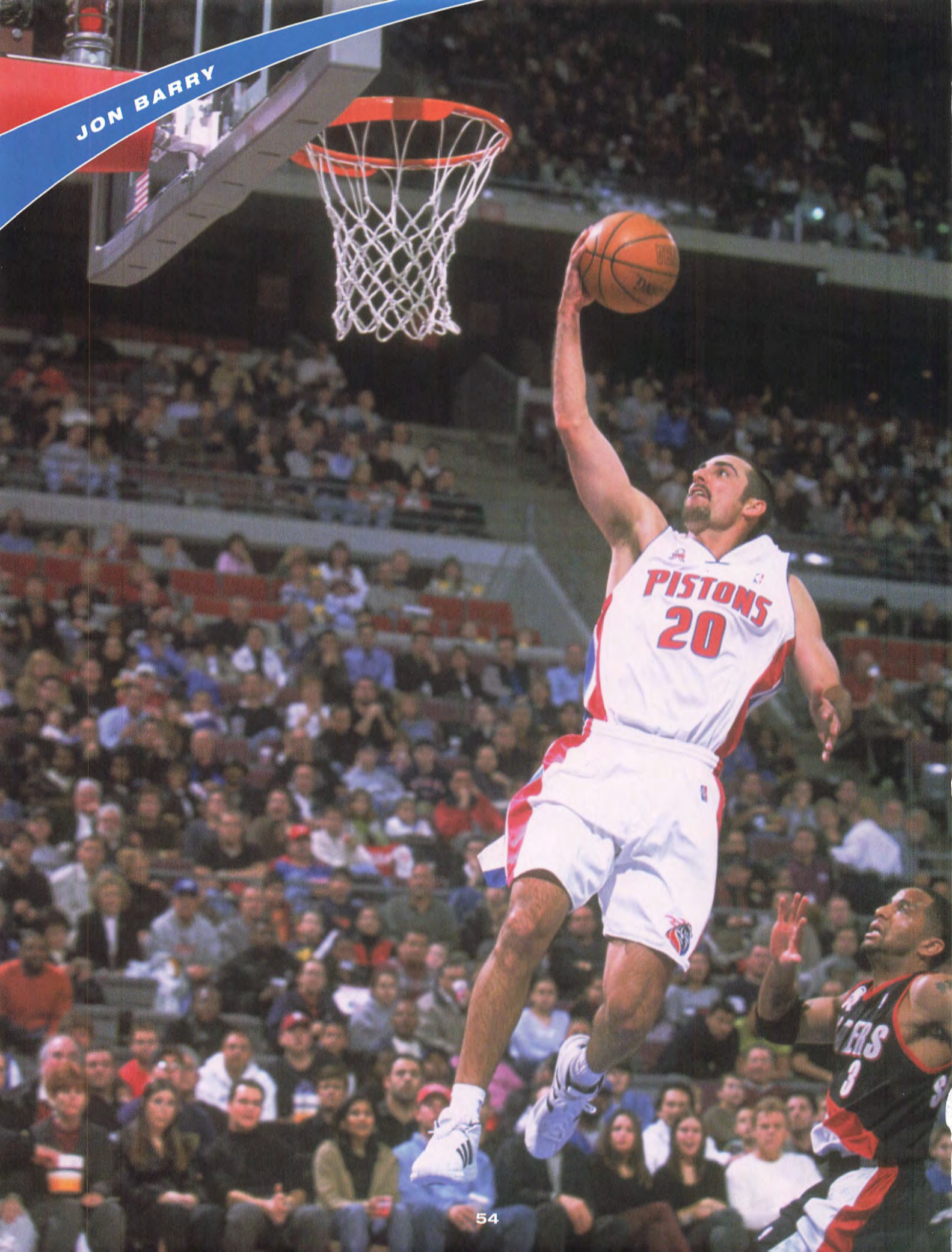
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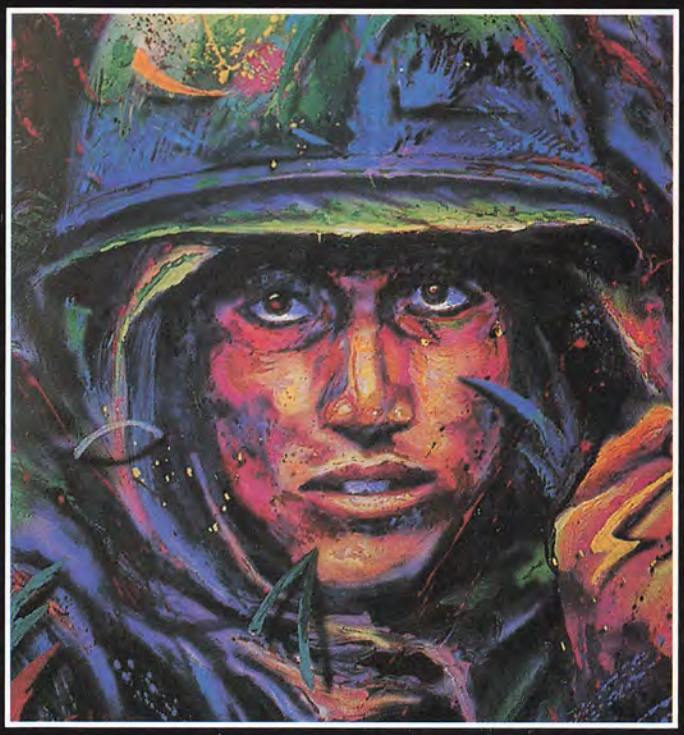

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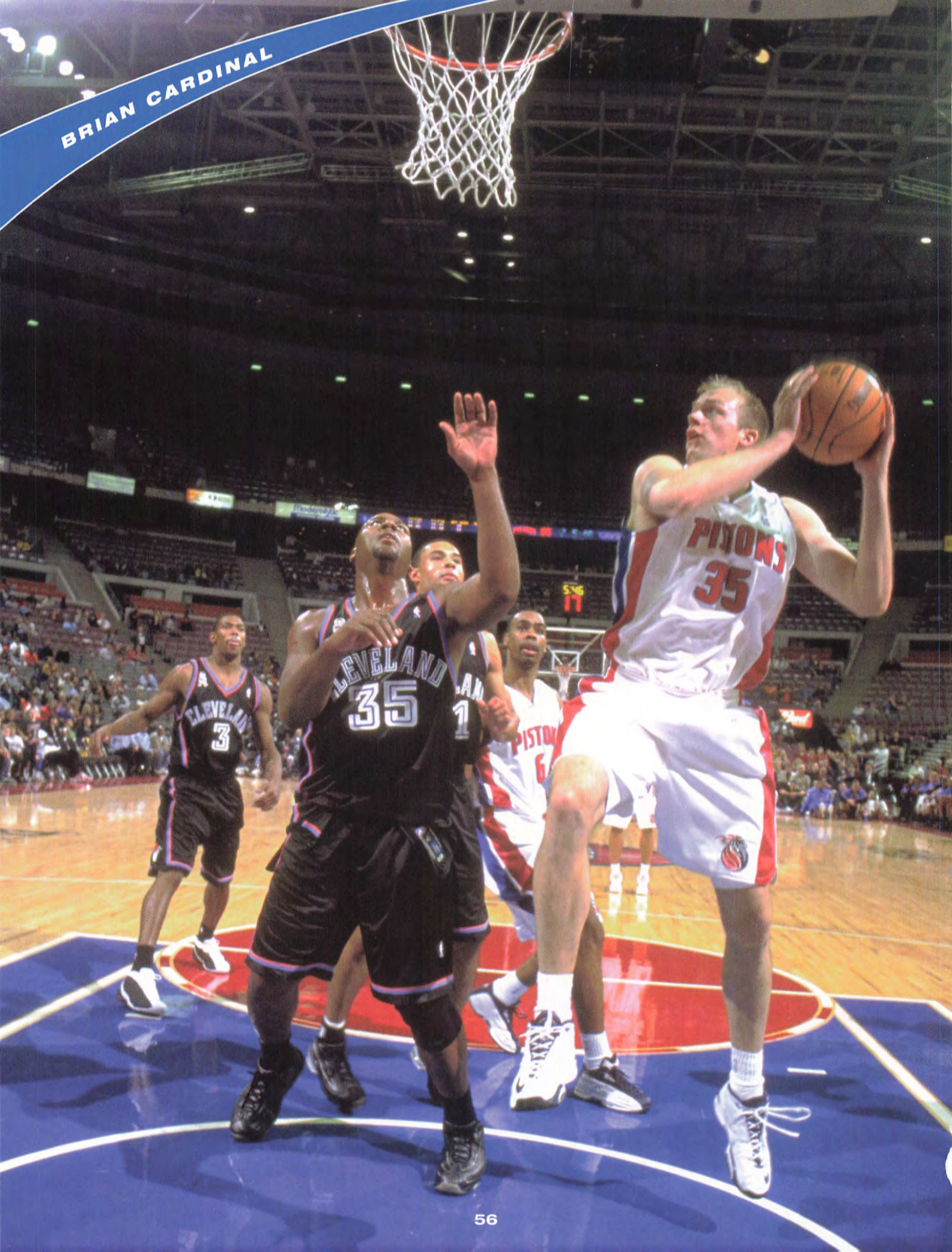
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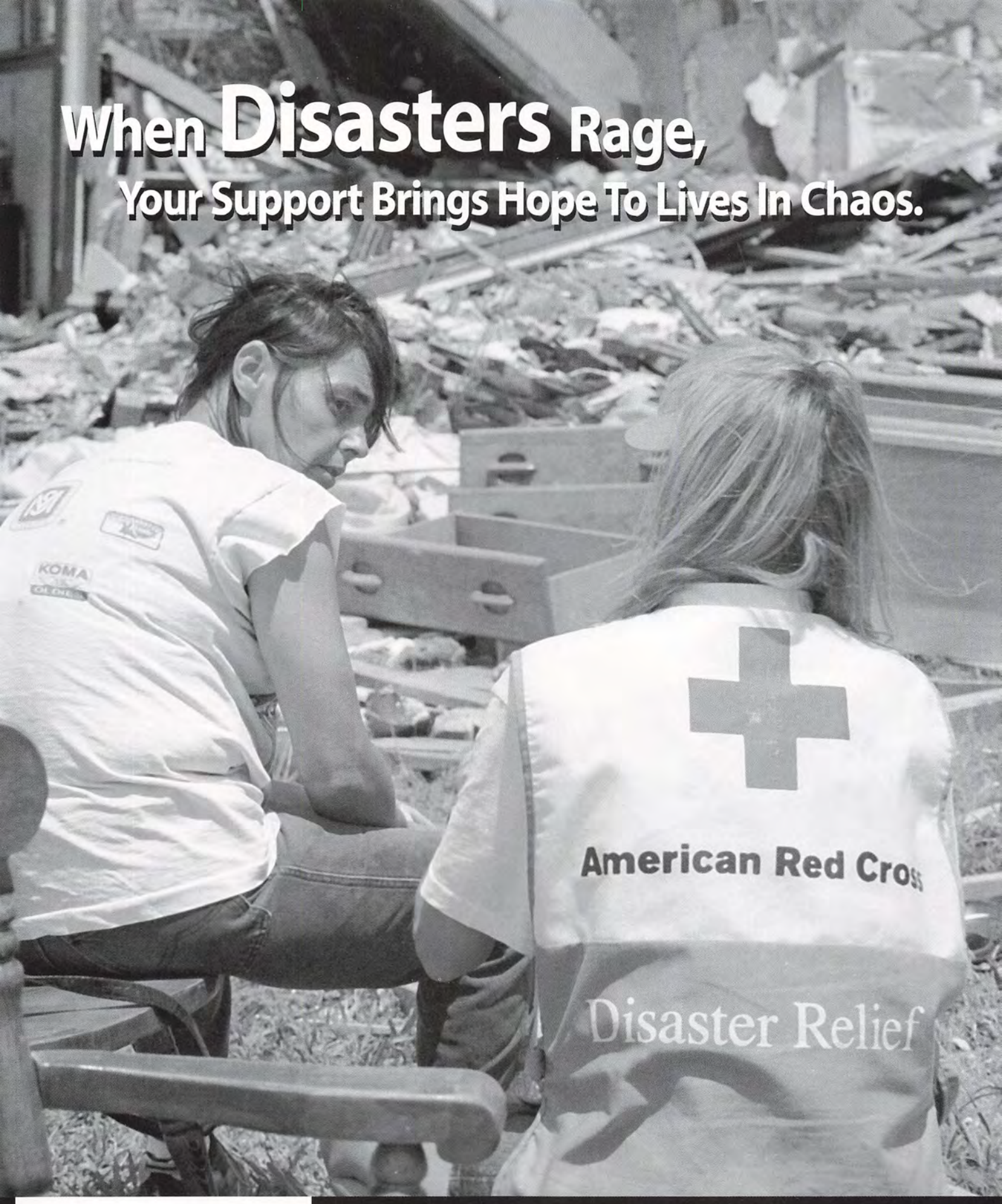

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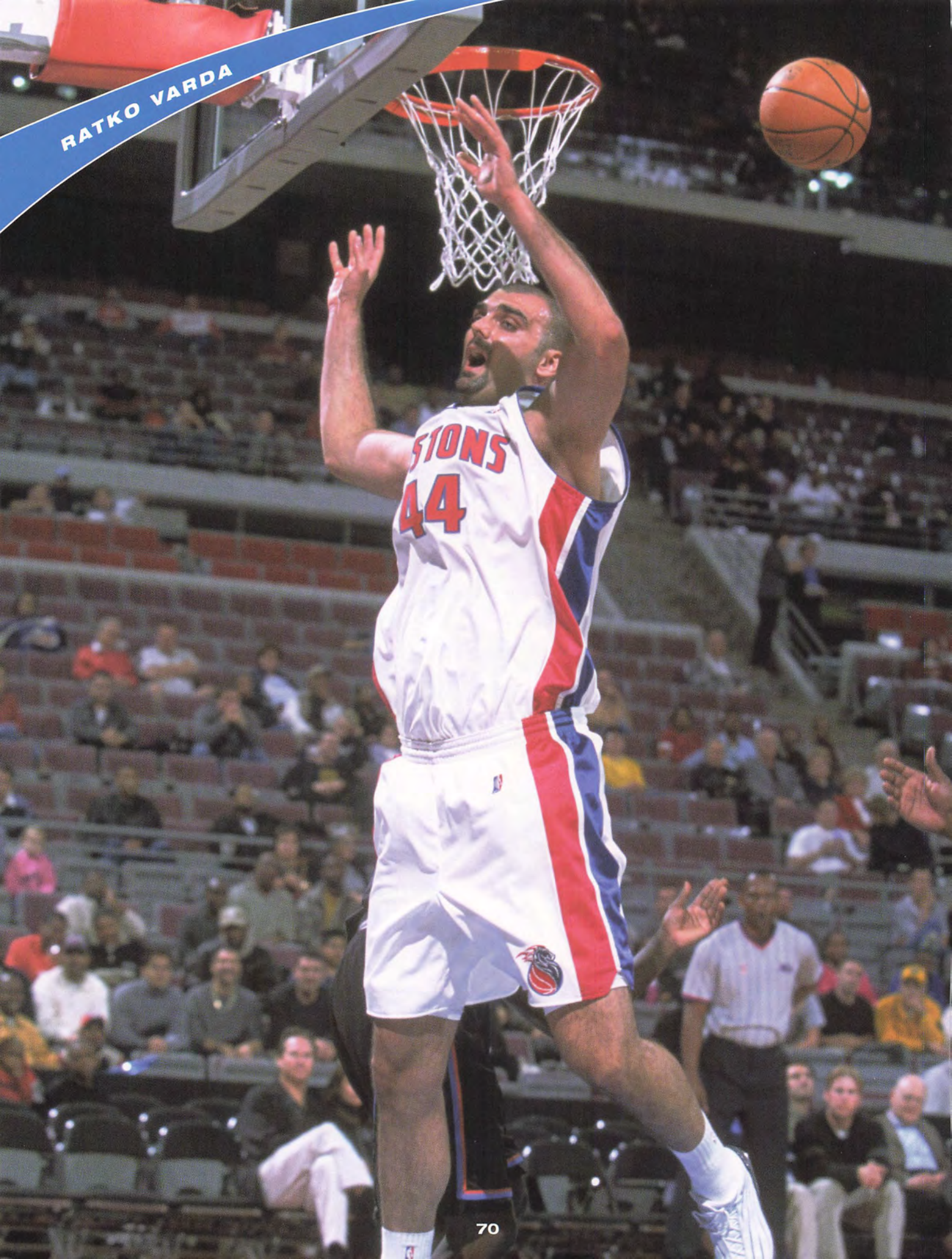
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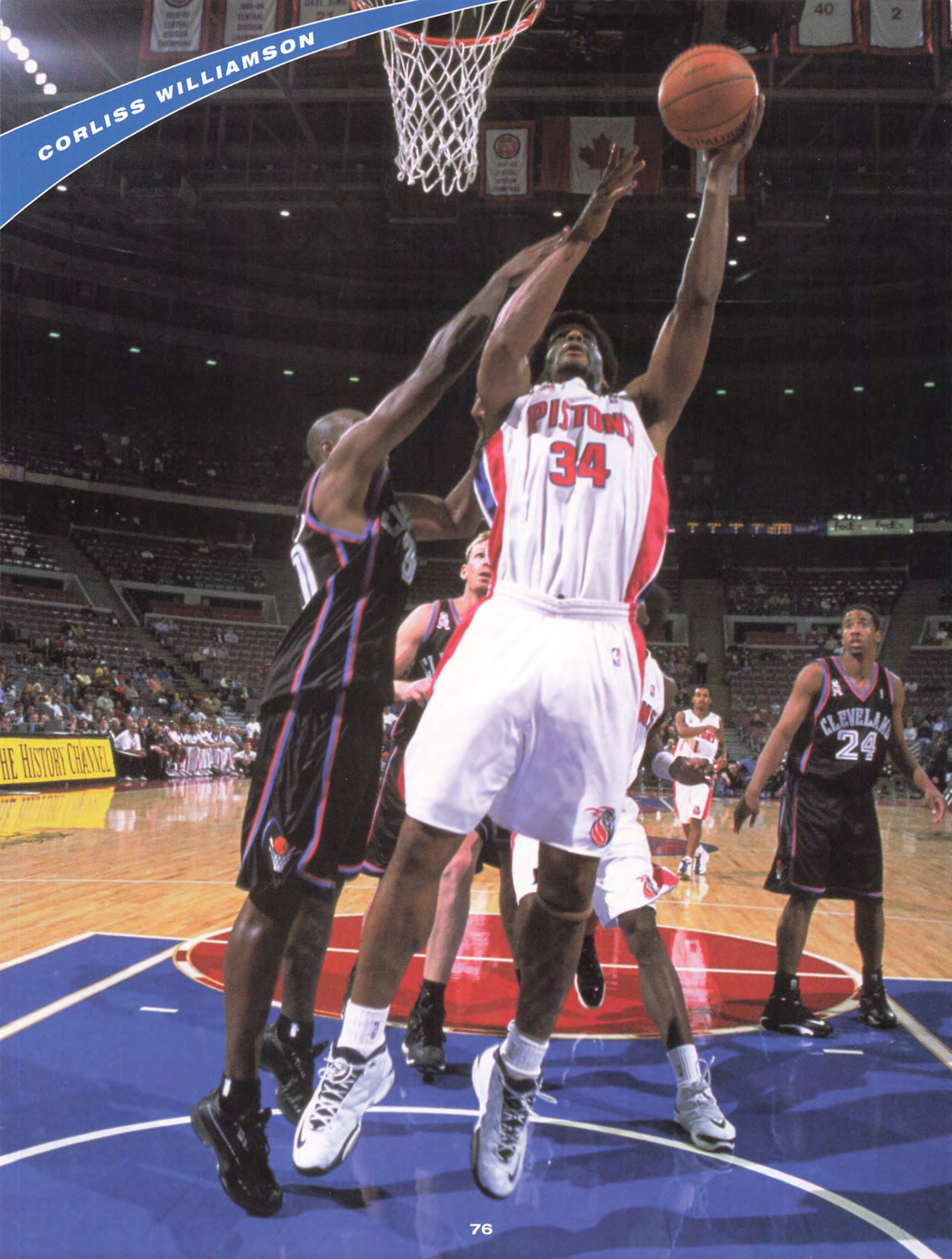
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The video starts with Jerry Stackhouse kissing his wife goodbye as he heads off to work. Whippet-quick editing of several players follows, casting an edgy, street-smart light on Chucky, Jerry, and the others. But as the intro video runs during pre-game introductions, the biggest response comes from the Piston with the jackhammer, pulverizing the opposing team logo, his bulging, chiseled arms filling up half the jumbotron screen. The fans cheer lustily. Some pay homage to him by sporting three-foot-afro wigs. The lights come on, and the real Ben Wallace steps onto the floor to go to work.

A blue-collar icon is born. Welcome to Bucking-slam Palace, where Big Ben is on display nightly.

Ben Wallace supplies the muscle for the high-flying Pistons

"Here it is," says Wallace, flexing his right gun (biceps) to demonstrate the tattoo of the Big Ben clock tower from London, England. He designs all his tattoos himself, preferring to trust his art designs on his body.

That trust in himself has turned him from an unwanted and undrafted free agent into a household name and potential All-Star for the Eastern Conference's best team, the Detroit Pistons.

"I always had faith in myself," says Wallace. "I knew what I could do, I just needed a chance to prove it."

And prove it he has. Last year, he became the first Piston since Dennis Rodman in 1992-93 to accumulate 1,000 rebounds (a league-leading 1,032), and he was the first Piston EVER to lead the team in rebounds, blocks, and steals in a single season. But he was just getting adjusted.

Now, in his sixth year in the league, Ben Wallace is drawing praise not just from Detroit fans, but opponents everywhere. He has markedly increased his blocked shots (2nd in the NBA), steals, and, pleasantly enough, scoring and field goal percentage. He even sneaks in a low post move here and there.

More importantly, though, Wallace provides the intimidating presence and solid help defense that was missing since the days of Rick Mahorn and Bill Laimbeer. He personally has revoked the VIP access to the rim that opponents had in subsequent years. His physique, already chiseled and imposing last year, is even more hulking from workouts over this past summer, affording him the muscle and bulk to play the top centers. His athleticism allows him to erase breakdowns in the Pistons' man-to-man defense, while his rebounding sparks the transition game. His game has drawn comparisons to the best players around, including "a power-forward version of Jason Kidd."

As he flourishes, so do the Pistons.

"His effort is the thing that's really exceptional," said Coach Rick Carlisle, Wallace's sixth NBA coach in six years. "He's the kind of guy that makes multiple effort plays. He'll go help on a guy, take away a driving lane, get back into the play on the opposite side of the court and still go up and get the rebound."

Wallace sees his game in simpler terms.

"I just try and concentrate on doing the little things a team needs in order to win games. A lot of guys are only concerned about going out there and scoring 20 or 30 points per game-my game is on the boards, playing tough defense, blocking shots."

Wallace has worked hard to establish himself in the league since leaving Virginia Union as a Divison II All-American in 1996. In college, the 6-9 Wallace gained a reputation as a fierce rebounder and shot-blocker, once averaging seven blocks per game! He was invited to the Washington Bullets training camp as an undrafted free agent and made the roster. Bench-ridden his first year, he was leading the team in rebounding and blocked shots by his third.

He was then traded to Orlando last year and started 81 games. He again led the team in rebounding and blocked shots. When the Pistons saw a chance to get him during the off-season, they jumped at the chance on August 3, 2000 in a deal that also netted Chucky Atkins. Wallace was impressed by the persistence of the Pistons in getting him.

"Many teams talked about signing me, but the Pistons were the only team who pursued me from the start," remembers Wallace. "They wanted me, and I saw it as a great opportunity for me professionally."

Wallace's arrival was overshadowed by the publicity from Grant Hill leaving in the trade. The Pistons were lucky to even get Atkins and Wallace, since Hill was a free agent and could have signed without any compensation for Detroit. With that and the Pistons' poor play, Wallace toiled in league wide obscurity while quietly developing into a dominant player.

You would assume that Wallace would relish his breakout status to show how wrong other teams were who passed on him or traded him. But again, in his typically unselfish manner, he deflects any talk of reprisal.

"I always felt I belonged in the league, so I don't feel (vindication) because of last year. I am not worried about numbers or making a statement," says Wallace. "I just want to help our team win, and I can do that by playing defense and rebounding. That's my game."

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Detroit Pistons Community Relations department is committed to building positive relationships in southeastern Michigan in order to promote corporate and philanthropic growth. Our goal is to make a difference in the lives of youth and families through programs and activities which promote respect, teamwork, excellence, and integrity.

Since the department's inception in 1989, the staff has developed and implemented a number of programs that address specific community needs, especially those affecting youth. By providing opportunities for young people to build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and learn the importance of cooperation, we equip them with the skills needed to make the right choices and help ensure a better future for our youth, our community, and our world.

READ TO ACHIEVE

The Detroit Pistons will unveil a new initiative this season called Read To Achieve. The mission of the program is to promote the value of reading and on-line literacy and to encourage families and adults to read regularly with young children. Read To Achieve will serve as our primary community activity as the metro Detroit community will unite to address one of the most pressing issues our society faces – reading literacy.

The program was introduced during a march celebrating school being back in session this past August at Franklin Elementary School in Pontiac. Over 350 kids joined Jerry Stackhouse and Michael Curry in a five-block march, culminating in a school rally and classroom visits from the players, our team mascot, Hooper, and the Pistons dance team, Automotion.

The Pistons will also recruit a Reading All-Star Team to assist in our effort to promote Read To Achieve. Over forty metro Detroit community leaders, government officials, celebrities and media personalities will join Pistons players, coaches, trainers and front-office staff for the Pistons Reading All-Star Team. Members will conduct read-alouds with children, serve as volunteer reading coaches and take part in on-line chats.

Read To Achieve will be officially launched during NBA "Read To Achieve Week" in October with a special kick-off event at the Palace. Members of the Pistons Reading All-Star Team will run youngsters through a series of stations that include storytelling and mini-book making sessions. The Pistons will also team with several school districts in the area to conduct ongoing storytelling visits from our Reading All-Star Team, reading contests and on-line chats. Several book drives will take place throughout the season to assist in providing new or gently used books to worthy recipients.

PISTONS-PALACE FOUNDATION

The Pistons-Palace Foundation continues to devote resources to better the Detroit community each year. It's major endeavor - the PARK Program, which was developed in 1994 during an informal meeting between Pistons owner William Davidson and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, continues to provide clean and safe play areas for Detroit's youth in an effort to provide positive recreational activities. While the initial project was completed in 1999, the PARK Program Maintenance Endowment Fund has been established to ensure the long-term upkeep of the parks. Approximately $2,500-$3,000 per year will be available to the PARK Program advisory committee at each of the 33 parks. In addition to its effort with the PARK Program, the Pistons-Palace

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Foundation continues to help the less fortunate during the holiday season each year by delivering food baskets, visiting senior citizens and presenting gift baskets to women in domestic violence shelters.

HOLIDAY BASKET DISTRIBUTION

The Pistons-Palace Foundation teams up with Pistons players and coaches each year to coordinate a Holiday Basket Distribution that provides food and toys to disadvantaged families during the holiday season. Last season the club partnered with The Lighthouse of Oakland County to provide food baskets and toys to disadvantaged families in Pontiac. Since 1992, Pistons players and coaches have donated more than $36,000 to provide more than 400 toys and 180 baskets to disadvantaged families from Auburn Hills, Clarkston, Davisburg, Detroit, Pontiac, and Waterford. Last season, Detroit Pistons' Michael Curry hosted his annual holiday canned food drive and toy exchange where children receive a free toy in exchange for a canned food item.

FANNIE MAE FOUNDATION - HOME TEAM PROJECT

Since October of 1998, the Fannie Mae Foundation and the Detroit Pistons have been working together to revitalize inner-city neighborhoods and provide home-buying information to help more Americans achieve the dream of homeownership. One major element of the partnership is working with a local nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing housing to lower-income families and first-time homebuyers. Each year the Pistons and the Foundation host two Workdays. Last season, Michael Curry, Brian Cardinal, Chucky Atkins, Mikki Moore and Ben Wallace contributed to the cause. In addition to the Workdays, the Pistons conducted an on-line auction of autographed memorabilia and "experience items." The $15,000 that was raised from this auction was donated to the local nonprofit organization in charge of managing these Detroit-area rehabilitation projects.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION SCHOOL WALK

Detroit Pistons guard Jerry Stackhouse is assisting the American Diabetes Association with the School Walk campaign. Last year, 15 schools in Michigan participated in the event raising more than $35,000 in donations as 4,000 students were involved in the fight against diabetes. The program emphasizes to young people the seriousness of diabetes, the importance of physical activity and good nutrition throughout their lives and the value of helping others.

BIKES FOR KIDS

Domino's Pizza and the Detroit Pistons collaborate with Variety, The Children's Charity to support the Bikes for Kids program. Four deserving students from over 200 schools will be chosen by their principal to be prize recipients based upon criteria that Variety has established. The criteria consists of the student doing something to help better themselves and to help others. Two of the four students chosen from each school will receive a bike and four tickets to a Detroit Pistons regular-season home game, while the other students chosen will also receive four tickets to a future Pistons home game. A Bikes for Kids radio-a-thon is being held on November 14 and 15 with a celebration party following the conclusion of the event. Many valuable items will be auctioned off, including autographed memorabilia from the Detroit Pistons and other NBA teams.

FIT KIDS, HEALTHY FUTURE

Fifteen Michigan elementary schools will win a chance to host a Fit Kids, Healthy Future program brought to schools free of charge by the Detroit Pistons and Care Choices, a leading healthcare plan in Michigan. Coach Steve Moreland and Pistons' mascot Hooper present the program. Moreland uses an interactive and participatory method to reinforce five main healthy tips: staying fit, eating right, using proper safety equipment, playing together and including others, and focusing on goals and aspirations.

PISTONS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Pistons Women's Committee spends countless time and energy throughout the season to help in the community. Last season members of the Pistons Women's committee led a toy drive which placed close to 2,000 toys in the hands of needy children in the metro Detroit area. This season, a number of new projects are planned throughout the holiday season and into the new year.

CHARITABLE DONATION PROGRAM

The Pistons support the community through donations of tickets and team merchandise. Thousands of individuals from local community organizations and schools will attend Pistons games through ticket donations from the Pistons Community Relations Department and the Pistons-Palace Foundation. In addition, autographed team merchandise and other team items will be donated this season to registered non-profits throughout Michigan.

Piston players also reached out to non-profits in Michigan by donating over 2500 tickets last season. Jerry Stackhouse provided 25 tickets for every home game to deserving young people and various community organizations.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Jessica Guyor, Director of Community Relations, at (248) 371-2034.

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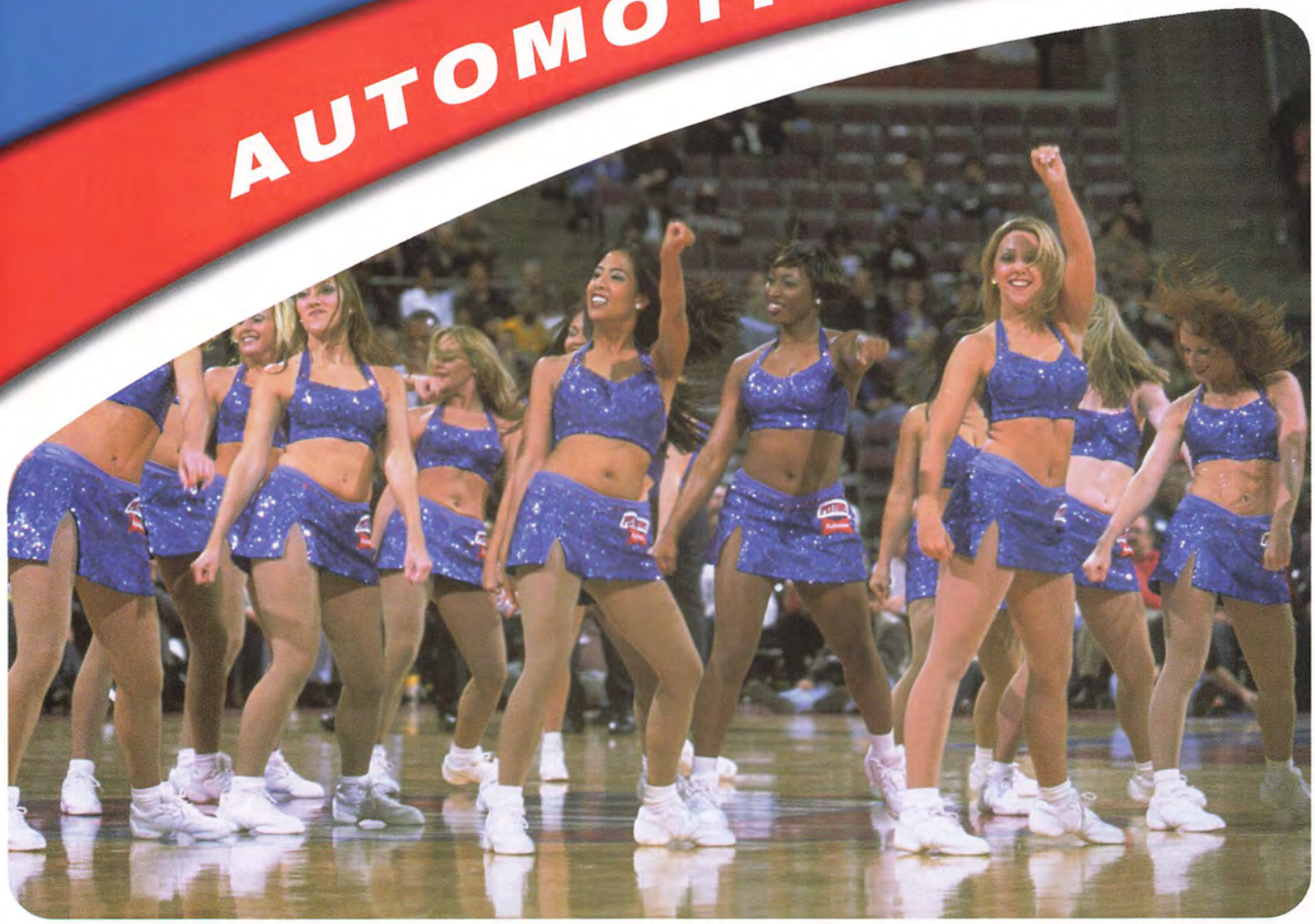

The 2001-02 Detroit Pistons dance team "Automotion" is an integral part of the Pistons basketball experience. The team performs at all home basketball games and can be seen throughout the city making community and charity appearances. The Automotion dance team is available for corporate, charity and community events. Call Coordinator Rebecca Wass at (248) 375-4079 for appearance information.

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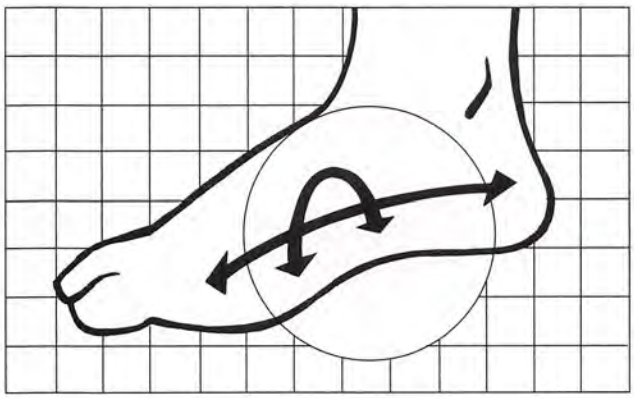

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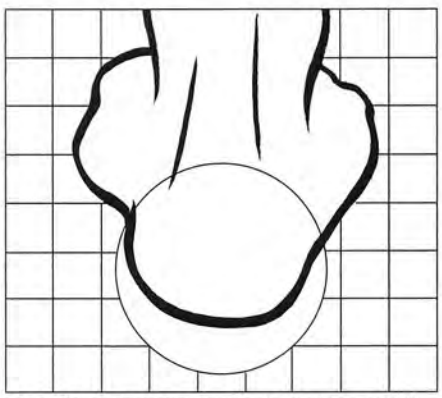

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